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Dan Hill enjoys a fortune cookie with daughters Ebony (left) and Evie as he makes his final preparations for Beijing and the Great Wall of China.

Footballer to tackle Great Wall of China

LOCAL amateur footballer Dan Hill is about to make his biggest challenge yet - tackling the Great Wall of China!

Dan, who is the head fundraiser for a cancer charity, is used to taking on all sorts of challenges to keep donations coming but the 'wall' will be his most ambitious yet.

The keen sportsman, who plays as a defender for Stonecutters FC, a JMO Sports Park league club in Skelmersdale, flies out to Beijing this week for the charity Rosemere Cancer Foundation's trek along the Great Wall.

Dan, a dad-of-two, will be part of a 17-strong team of Rosemere Cancer Foundation supporters that will also include consultants Dr Gerry Skailes, an oncologist and clinical director for cancer services for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and her colleague Dr Jeyaram Srinivasan, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, who has also signed up his wife Krishna to walk with him:

The intrepid group face a foot wearying four to seven hours of daily trekking along paths that follow the wall as it contours hills and mountains in remote areas north of Beijing and snakes through woodland and terraced farmland. *Cont. inside*

Hunt for gang who carried out terrifying robbery

DOUBLE STABBING HORROR

The junction of Birch Green Road and Ferndale

by **Henry James**

POLICE are appealing for information after two men were stabbed by a gang in Birch Green.

The attackers included three men and two woman, say officers investigating the terrifying assault.

The incident happened at about 10.45pm on Wednesday, October 10 at the junction of Birch Green Road and Ferndale.

Police said unknown offenders approached the two victims, local men aged 27 and 17, and assaulted them. The older victim suffered a punctured lung and the teenager suffered a leg injury. Thankfully, neither injury is life-threatening. The motive for the attack was believed to be robbery.

As a result of the incident Lancashire Police Assistant Chief Constable Terry Woods authorised a Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act for a designated area between the hours of 7pm on Thursday, October 11 to 6am on Friday, October 12. **Continued inside**

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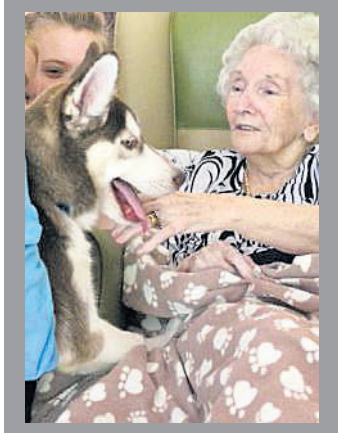
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Borough council announces series of meetings for residents to discuss Local Plan

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE PUBLIC consultation on West Lancashire Borough Council's Local Plan Review Preferred Options is now underway and the authority has announced details of events where residents can meet with council officers to discuss it.

The controversial proposals, which have been opposed by the ruling party's political rivals, sets out development plans in the borough for the next 30 years. Included in the plan are proposals to release 190 hectares of land for employment purposes, and make provision for nearly 16,000 new homes that would involve turning over 1.7% of land currently earmarked for greenbelt.

The consultation period started on Friday, October 12, and the council has extended the deadline for people to give their views by three weeks to Thursday, December 13.

To read the Local Plan Review Preferred Options document, residents can visit the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/lpr, where you can also give your views to be considered as part of the consultation. Printed copies of key consultation documents will also be available at libraries and the Council Customer Service Points (at the council's Derby Street offices in Ormskirk and at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale).

The council is also organising local plan public consultation events where people can speak directly to a council officer. Each event will run from 10am until 9pm, but people will need to pre-book a half hourly appointment slot for a time that suits them online or over the phone before the day of the event. There will be a maximum of six people in each appointment to ensure everyone gets to ask their questions and discuss their views. You can visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/lpr to book an appointment or call 01695 585194.

People who turn up without booking in advance will not be able to come into the event. Groups of more than six people will not be allowed in.

Councillor John Hodson, Portfolio Holder for Planning, said: "I would urge people living and working in West Lancashire, and all other interested parties, to take part in this consultation as this will influence how the new local plan takes shape. This will in time dictate how the new local plan guides how West Lancashire develops over time. All reasonable views will be taken into consideration.

"As such, if people are objecting to a proposal, we would always encourage them to also set out how they would change the policy they are objecting to or what site they would suggest the council should allocate instead of the one they are objecting to, and to give planning reasons for their objections. This will help the council prepare the best possible local plan."

● The dates and venues for the Local Plan consultation events are: Tuesday, October 23 - Four Lane Ends Mission, Bickerstaffe; Wednesday, October 24 - Ormskirk Chapel Gallery; Monday, October 29 - Parbold Village Hall; Wednesday, October 31 - Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre.

Monday, November 5 - Tarleton Cricket Club; Wednesday, November 7 - Ormskirk Chapel Gallery; Tuesday, November 13 - The Grove Youth and Community Centre, Station Approach, Burscough.

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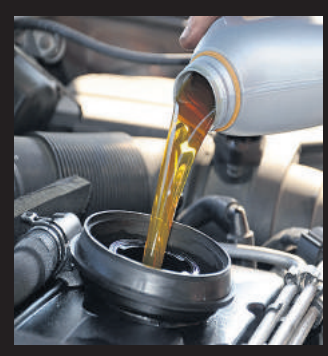

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Dan to take on the Great Wall of China

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Dan, 37, who is also an all-rounder for Bretherton Cricket Club, said: "I'm a bit apprehensive but at the same time, really excited and thrilled to be part of Rosemere Cancer Foundation's Great Wall of China Team.

"In all the charity's 21-year history, we've never been involved in staging anything like this before although we have had supporters, who have done it to raise money for us as part of other groups."

Dan added: "We have had people run desert marathons, swim seas and climb almost every mountain on earth for us. They are such an amazing lot that we have taken our inspiration from them and our hope is that those joining us for the Great Wall Trek will have an unforgettably good time."

Dan Hill

Signal permitting, Dan is planning a daily Great Wall blog to update wife Sarah, a primary school teacher, daughters Ebony (nine) and Evie (six), work colleagues and Rosemere Cancer Foundation supporters on the group's progress via the charity's website at www.rosemere.org.uk

He has also set up a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/d-hill6

Rosemere Cancer Foundation works to provide cancer treatment and services to cancer patients in Lancashire and South Cumbria at Rosemere Cancer Centre and at another eight local cancer units in the region.

It does this by funding cutting edge equipment, local research, training and other initiatives aimed at making cancer patients' treatment journeys as stress-free and comfortable as possible and which would otherwise be beyond limited NHS resources.

Aaron Crest Care Home invited dog owners to bring their pets into the home to meet residents

Animal therapy sessions help care home residents

ANIMAL therapy sessions at a Skelmersdale care home have seen pet pooches paying a visit to elderly residents.

Aaron Crest invited dog owners to bring their pets into the home to meet residents and help those with dementia.

The sessions have proven to reduce stress and anxiety as well as provide a source of positive, nonverbal communication.

Staff with dogs came in on their days off and members of the local community also brought their dogs along to the home, on Tanhouse Road.

Adrienne Ratcliffe, home manager at Aaron Crest Care Home, said: "We put out an appeal to dog owners after hearing about the therapeutic effect the animals can have on those living with dementia.

"We had a fantastic response and we've had some lovely visits from friendly, loving pets who have had an amazing impact on the residents' wellbeing.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has taken part and brought their pets to the home."

Stop and search order after two men are stabbed

From page 1

This gave Police Officers the power to stop and search anyone in the area bounded by the M58, Glenburn Road and the A577, within the allotted time to look for weapons.

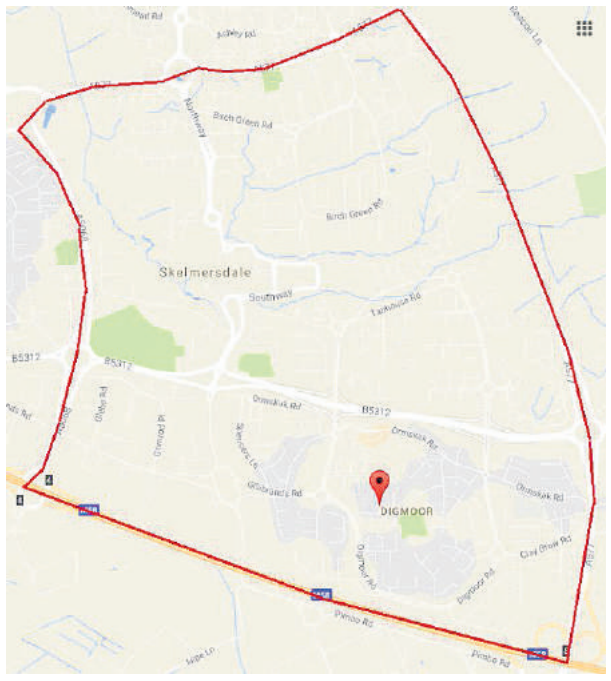
Police repeated this between the hours of 7pm on Friday, October 12 to 6am on Saturday, October 13. A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "This public alert has been given in-keeping with the revised Stop and Search Policy."

Officers are keen to trace any witnesses, in particular the driver of a white van which pulled out of Ferndale at around the time of the incident.

Detective Inspector Ian Moore, of South Police, said: "We are treating this extremely seriously and I would appeal for anyone with information which could assist to get in touch."

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting log number 1597 of October 10 or independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Police want to talk to people who may have seen anything around Birch Green Road between 10.30pm and 11pm on October 10.

● Three people have been arrested by detectives investigating the attack.



Police were stopping and searching people in this area

Information event throws light on Safe Teens Project

Report by **Henry James**

Scheme aims to help young women in borough avoid being victims of domestic abuse

A PRESENTATION evening was held last night (Tuesday) to provide information on The Safe Teens Project, which was set up to help young women in West Lancashire avoid being victims of domestic abuse.

The event was held at The Artz Centre in Skelmersdale.

The Safe Teens Project is funded through the Home Office and is one of only 17 such initiatives currently being funded across England.

West Lancashire Borough Council, the Liberty Centre and West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) worked together on the successful application.

The Liberty Centre is delivering the project on behalf of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership.

The Safe Teens Project will aim to ensure girls and young women from the age of 13-19 years old are supported and given the skills to build resilience and confidence to promote an understanding of healthy relationships and consent.

A spokesperson from the Safe Teens Project said: "The project provides support to those involved to deal with issues including domestic abuse, sexual harassment, child sexual exploitation, and social media abuses such as cyber bullying, grooming or revenge porn to enable girls and young women to fulfil their potential and keep them safe from harm."

Mike Maguire

During the summer holiday The Safe Teens Project worked in partnership with the Artz Centre to deliver a programme exploring issues around teen relationships such as sexting, abuse and what makes a relationship happy and healthy.

In additional to this the young people looked at how peer pressure and social media influences affects their mental health, self-esteem, and body image etc. The work created by the young people was showcased during the Safe Teens presentation evening.

When the scheme was launched last August, Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The West Lancashire Safe Teens Project is vital, as it helps to empower girls and young women to understand what is and isn't a healthy relationship and arm them with the skills to deal with situations that they may find themselves in."

Seven year old Elizabeth Kelly - donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust.

Youngster, 7, keeps her promise made to the Little Princess Trust

A YOUNGSTER who was moved by the plight of a cancer sufferer on YouTube has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Elizabeth Kelly, 7, who goes to the Maharishi School, had been growing her hair since she was five after watching the video.

She also raised £534.50 for the charity which provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up the age of 24 who have lost their own hair because of cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Elizabeth's gran, Sheila Kelly, said: "It has all been Elizabeth's idea and we are very proud of her. She is such a caring kid.

"It all started when she saw the video at the age of five and she wanted to do something to help.

"After watching the clip, she had asked why the person who had cancer had no hair. She was told it was because of her treatment. She said she wanted to give her, her hair. Her mum, Claire, had to explain to her, that her hair was not long enough then, so she grew it long enough to donate to the charity."

Seven year old Elizabeth gets ready to have her locks cut by hairdresser Lyndsey Hallam.

Dean Chisnall

Dean is 'living the dream' in West End show Les Miserables

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire actor Dean Chisnall is 'living the dream' playing the prized role of Jean Valjean in the West End production of Les Miserables.

The 36-year-old from Newburgh has been appearing in the hit show at the Queen's Theatre in London since June of this year.

Jean Valjean is perhaps one of the most famous roles in musical theatre and Dean has big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of such acclaimed performers as Colm Wilkinson who originated the part, and more recently Alfie Boe.

Dean told the Champion: "To play Jean Valjean is a dream for me. I am very lucky. Les Miserables is the greatest show ever written in musical theatre. This is the show that I have always wanted to be in.

"I hope I bring warmth and sincerity to the part and I try to put my own stamp on it in different ways. It is vocally and physically a very demanding role, but I am enjoying the opportunity of being in the show."

Dean was born in Ormskirk and lived in Newburgh most of his life until he moved to London in 2002. He went to Newburgh Primary School and Burscough Priory Academy and manages to get back home to the borough at Christmas to visit his parents, who still live in Newburgh.

Opportunity

North West theatregoers may remember Dean playing Shrek in the touring production of that show.

He commented: "It was someone at school who spotted my ability to sing. I always wanted to be in shows but there was not much opportunity in the north, so that is why I moved to London."

Les Miserables is the longest running musical in West End history and first opened in London in 1985. Today, it has been seen by 70 million people across the world.

Dean's character is an ex-convict in the show and is hunted by the policeman Javert. Dean added: "It is fantastic being involved in this production. It is loved by everyone who sees it and it really moves people. The reaction to it has been amazing, truly amazing."

Dean is in the show until at least next June.

Dean Chisnall as Jean Valjean

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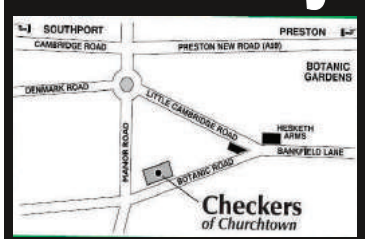

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Above: Graduate engineer Antonia Oxley and year eight pupils Shelby Edwards and Eva Broom-Broughan
Right: Sarah Hardy, Natalie Wiliams, Emma Jones and Tilly Davis with their teacher, Miss Calderbank (STEM coordinator) and Essity staff Antonia Oxley and Billy Berkley

Science students treated to a lesson with a difference

Report by **Henry James**

STUDENTS from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale were treated to a science lesson with a difference when employees from one of the UK's largest tissue manufacturers, which has a large site in the town, paid a visit.

Employees from Essity, which produces thousands of tonnes of tissue products, including Tork, as well as a range of well-known household brands including Plenty, Cushelle and Velvet, visited the school to lead a STEM activity with year eight and nine female students.

The visit was organised as part of a focus by the company to develop links with local schools to inspire pupils to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

Antonia Oxley, a graduate engineer at Trafford Park Mill, and Billy Berkley, an apprentice engineer from Skelmersdale Mill, delivered a series of hands-on demonstrations designed to replicate some of the work done at the mill.

Students were involved in measuring water flow rates depending on factors such as container size and viscosity of the liquid. This was followed by a discussion of possible findings and experimental techniques, putting their STEM skills to the test.

Antonia Oxley said: "Essity recognises that STEM subjects equip students with problem-solving skills and a technical way of thinking which will enable them to succeed in the rapidly-changing job environment.

"As a graduate engineer, I believe it is important that the next generation are given a taste of the exciting career pathways that open up by focusing on these subjects and, from the reaction of the students, I'd say we achieved that today."

Ruth Moxon, talent acquisition country manager at Essity, said: "With around 70 apprentices in the UK, we offer a wealth of opportunities for those wanting to kick-start their careers in an exciting, fast-paced and international environment.

"We work closely with schools in the communities local to our six mills to promote the fantastic range of graduate and apprentice opportunities we offer.

"It's important people within these communities know that such world-leading STEM career opportunities exist on their doorstep . We hope our recent visit to the school has inspired pupils to look at the range of opportunities we offer."

Elderly residents enjoy cuddles during special sled dog visit

RESCUED sled dogs visited Stocks Hall Nursing Home in Skelmersdale to share walks and cuddles with residents.

Reach is a sled dog rescue charity, based in Bolton and founded in November 2015, which focuses mainly on huskies and malamutes. The rescue relies heavily on the dedication of its community members with help fostering unwanted dogs, assisting with events and fundraising, as well as spreading the word concerning these often misunderstood breeds.

The charity provided residents of the Stocks Hall home with some 'pet therapy' which involved walking the dogs around the home's gardens or simply enjoying a cuddle from the comfort of their own bed or an arm chair.

Mark Clintworth, activities staff at the home said: "These gentle giants use their special skills to bring comfort to residents and take their work very seriously.

"Younger family members also came along for many cuddles, whilst spending quality time with their relatives.

"It was just wonderful to see the faces of the ladies and gentlemen brighten up and their eyes sparkle."

As the event has been so successful, Stocks Hall Nursing and Care Group have now organised for the rescue dogs to visit the home on a monthly basis.

Right: Mary McEvoy with Shadow, one of the youngest of the sled dog rescue huskies

Care home staff learn about dementia from specialist

STAFF at Skelmersdale's Birch Green Care Home have become Dementia Friends thanks to the help of Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Champion Joe Sherville.

Joe, who is from Skelmersdale, holds training sessions for anyone who is interested in being a 'Dementia Friend'.

The sessions aim to help members of the public learn how to support sufferers of the degenerative condition, have a better understanding about the illness and help to make the community more dementia-friendly. The Dementia Champion led two sessions for staff at the Birch Green Care Home, located on Ivydale, earlier this week.

Joe became a Dementia Champion in 2013. He has since then delivered countless sessions to care home staff and relatives, as well as many different organisations including supermarkets, minibus companies, The Prince's Trust and West Lancashire Borough Council.

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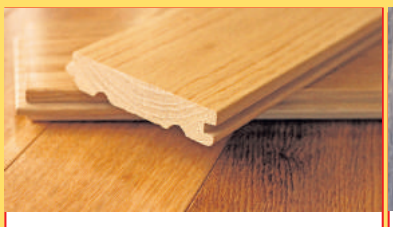

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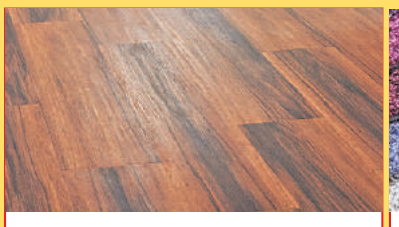

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Father and son jailed for role in £14m cocaine smuggling plot

Further heroin haul worth £100k and £60k in cash found by police in Skem

Report by **Henry James**

A FATHER and son from Skelmersdale along with two other men have been sentenced to a combined 36 years following a £13.9million cocaine seizure.

The men were caught following Operation Munster, an investigation looking at the importation of cocaine into the UK.

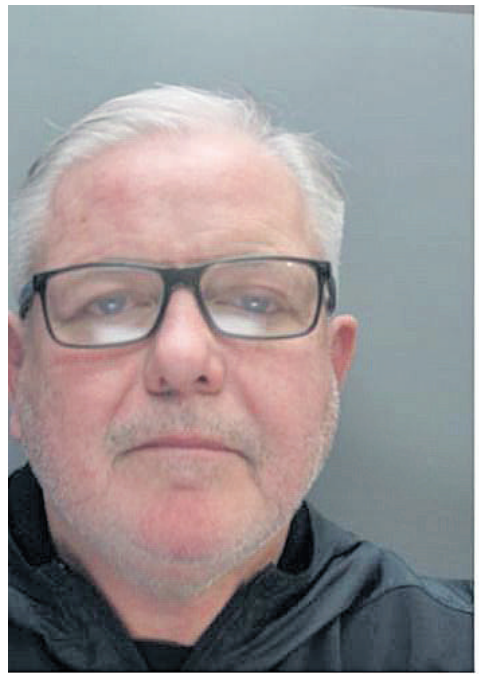
Stephen Andrew Kelly, 55 years, of Charnock, received 13 years, 6 months and his son Bradley Stephen Kelly, 35 years, who did live in Skelmersdale, but now lives at Vernon Way, Bloxwich, Walsall received 9 years, 4 months.

Damien Woolerton, 43 of Ivy Crescent, Leeds was jailed for 8 years.

Jason Clarke, 48 of Dellfield, St Albans, Hertfordshire received 6 years.

Detective Inspector Nick Hughes, from the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit (NWROCU) said: "After extensive police surveillance and joint investigative work with Lancashire Police and the North West regional organised crime unit, we identified that the offenders, who were based in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, also rented a warehouse on Spindus Road, Speke. Here, they'd offload large consignments of cocaine.

"A warrant was executed at the industrial premises on Spindus Road on February 23



Stephen and Bradley Kelly

and the following day, we charged two of the men (Kelly & Kelly) with conspiracy to import drugs.

"Around 84 kilos of cocaine with an estimated street value of £13.9m was recovered from the scene, and further searches in Skelmersdale resulted in a seizure of heroin valued at £100,000 and around £60,000 in cash."

Following the arrest in February, officers made two further arrests (Woolerton and Clarke) who were both later also charged with conspiracy to import drugs.

The two Kellys along with Woolerton and Clarke all plead guilty to Conspiracy to Import Cocaine.

DI Hughes continued: "I'm really pleased that these dangerous individuals have been taken off our streets, along with a massive amount of cocaine that could have had deadly consequences if brought into circulation.

"Drugs are harmful to those using and distributing them. I hope this sentence shows the wider public that we will not allow for any form of gang to operate in Merseyside and will do all we can to keep our communities safe."

Council is 'taking too long' to clear fly-tipping spots

Report by **Henry James**

AN angry resident in Up Holland has accused West Lancs Council of dragging its feet over dealing with fly-tipped waste.

Graham Walker contacted the Champion to voice his concerns about rubbish dumped in the area on Windmill Road and Stoney Brow.

However, a spokesperson for the council claimed they have found no evidence of any fly-tipping.

Graham said: "There is litter from a car body company and there is also domestic rubbish, including a mattress, in a ditch at the far end of Windmill Road, which is not visible from the road.

"Both of these deposits are about three months old. I hope this can somehow create council action. I have tried phoning the council and cannot wait until a suitable person answers."

The spokesperson said: "West Lancashire Borough Council takes fly-tipping very seriously and has investigated these matters but found no evidence of fly-tipping, and therefore is unable to take any further action.

"If any residents have any further information we would encourage them to come forward.

"The quickest way for people to inform the council of fly-tipping incidents is through the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping.

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Local company's key role in giant puppets spectacle

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancashire company has just completed its most unusual contract ever - and played a key role in one of the region's biggest tourist events of the year.

Engineers from Cobalt Conveyors helped to animate the canine star of the giant puppet spectacular that attracted more than one million people onto the streets of Liverpool.

Staff from the company, based at Telletholme Industrial Estate, Tollgate Roa, Burscough, helped the nine-foot-high 'dog' Xolo to run along a city centre street as part of the finale of Liverpool's Dream, the four-day extravaganza presented by French marionette street theatre company, Royal de Luxe.

This was the third and final visit to Liverpool by the Nantes-based giants and was designed to mark the 10th anniversary of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture year in 2008.

Royal de Luxe artistic director Jean Luc Courcoult presented an all-new show staged in Liverpool and Wirral featuring for the first time the adventures of a little boy giant, as well as a number of favourites from previous visits like the ever-popular Xolo.

Cobalt was asked to manufacture and supply a bespoke belt conveyor to enable the canine star to run along the Strand on the touching last day of the visit, when the giants bade a fond farewell to their many Merseyside friends for the final time.

Managing director, Simon Turner, commented: "Although we have been asked to supply conveyors for the TV and film industry on many previous occasions, this was certainly the most unusual - and exciting - request we've ever handled.

Giant puppet dog Xolo thrilled thousands of visitors to Liverpool - with a little help from Burscough company Cobalt Conveyors.

"We were delighted to work with Event Design and Royal de Luxe on the project, and to be part of this superb event.

"It was a privilege to see how this talented company bring their massive puppets to life, and how they create personalities that have brought a huge amount of pleasure to hundreds of thousands of Merseysiders on three separate occasions."

Cobalt Conveyors was established in Southport in 2007 before moving to Burscough in 2012.

Specifications requested by Royal de Luxe included that the conveyor move at minimum and maximum speeds of 50 and 125 metres per minute, that it was made with green three-ply PVC belt due to the dog's nails being made of hardened steel and potentially sharp enough to cause the belt to tear, and had reinforced bedplates to take the weight of the puppet.

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Cars parked alongside St Helens Road

Call for clampdown on pavement parkers around Edge Hill site

Report by **Kenny Parker**

EDGE Hill University chiefs have responded to complaints of dangerous parking by students in the town saying they inform them to park' safely and considerately' and abide by the Highway Code.

The Champion has received numerous emails from residents concerned about pedestrian safety due to students parking on the pavements, particularly in the St Helens Road area, causing people to have to walk out onto the road.

One wrote: "Could someone please explain why we pay council tax but are unable to use the footpaths we pay for whilst council tax-exempt students appear to have exclusive use of them for free parking?

"These selfish, ignorant students - yes it is students - are not just causing an inconvenience, they are endangering peoples' lives by forcing them to step into a very busy road.

"Will someone have to be killed or injured as a consequence of this selfish, thoughtless, ignorant behaviour?"

Another wrote: "I am not highlighting this to 'have a go at students' - I do have both positive and negative views on that subject - but this is purely about the lack of action from the hierarchy at Edge Hill University.

"Yesterday I drove into Ormskirk via Scarth Hill Lane which is jam-packed with parked vehicles on the pavement, embankment - in fact anywhere there was a space there was a car!

"They were parked completely on the pavement making pedestrian access impossible and stretched all the way down, bumper-to-boot to the junction with Small Lane.

"The powers-that-be at Edge Hill need to address this urgently, before there is a major incident - it's dangerous and illegal to park on the pavement."

The apparent lack of traffic enforcement by Lancashire Parking Services was also commented on.

In response to complaints a spokesperson for Edge Hill University commented: "We say to any campus users who choose to park legally on the public highway that they should do so safely and considerately in accordance with the Highway Code and any local parking restrictions - paying particular care and attention in local residential areas."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "Parking officials have carried out enforcement activities in this area recently after being made aware of concerns. We will continue to visit regularly to ensure there are no further problems and any vehicles parked illegally risk being issued with a penalty ticket."

Crow Orchard's history goes on display at open morning

Report by **Henry James**

THE history of Crow Orchard primary, Skelmersdale's oldest school, was highlighted at a recent open morning.

Members of the community were invited to the event at Crow Orchard on School Lane, which dates back to 1732.

The school has always been on the same site and used to be called Skelmersdale Endowed school.

Visitors were able to see a selection of old photos of the school, log books and records of the punishments given out.

Children designed posters to advertise the open morning, which were put outside the school for the public to see. One of the grandparents, who came along to the event even spotted a relative in one of the books on display.

Deputy headteacher Denise Heath (right) and former pupil Ann-Marie with some of the memorabilia

Ann Hedges, headteacher at the school, said: "People who came were amazed at the long history of the school and the feedback was very good."

It is hoped that some of the artefacts from the school can be displayed in the library in January.

Bake sale boosts charity funds by £700

Pupils of Up Holland High School sold cakes

UP Holland High School pupils raised funds in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at a coffee morning - by competing to sell the most cakes. Residents from the local community were provided with refreshments and a selection of cakes were available to buy, which pupils and staff had baked and donated.

The fundraising event was made competitive amongst the pupils with each of the school's four houses striving to sell the most cakes and raise the most money. The winner, Mallory house, won with £212.85.

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Police continue fight on 'county lines' drugs gangs

Report by **Henry James**

Dealers are targeting young or vulnerable people to work as runners

POLICE in Lancashire say they are continuing their crackdown on so-called 'county lines' drugs gangs operating across the region.

County lines is where criminal gangs from cities across the country use a dedicated mobile phone line to co-ordinate illegal drug dealing with customers many miles away.

Gangs use young or vulnerable people - recruited using intimidation, deception, violence, debt bondage, or grooming - to work as drugs runners, transporting and storing drugs and cash.

The runners are often deployed to market towns and coastal areas many miles away from their home by senior gang members who tend to stay at their urban base looking after the drugs line and coordinating activity.

Young recruits are usually teenagers but can be as young as 10 and vulnerable adults include drugs users, alcoholics, or those with mental health problems or learning difficulties. They travel on their own on the rail network and risk their health by carrying drugs internally.

Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

Detective Inspector Simon Upton, of Lancashire Constabulary, said: "County Lines victims can be anyone in your community. Criminal gangs will exploit vulnerability in all of its forms to aid their activities.

"Intelligence from our communities is key to the police taking out the gangs responsible for this exportation of crime and exploitation of the vulnerable. So, I would encourage anyone who has concerns about young or otherwise vulnerable people being targeted in this way to come forward and speak to us, either directly or anonymously through Crimestoppers."

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner said: "Stopping criminal gangs who use young and vulnerable people, involving them in criminality which crosses into the county from elsewhere is a problem which we continue to see, with officers working harder than ever before to stop them blighting our communities.

"Working in partnership with organisations across Lancashire and the wider North West area is absolutely crucial due to the nature of the way these criminal gangs operate. Information from the public and partner agencies is often key to bringing those involved to justice.

"I know that the hard work and determination of our officers to keep the public safe means that no stone is left unturned in stopping serious and organised crime, a key part of my police and crime plan. It will not be tolerated here in Lancashire and we will strive to keep these gangs off our streets."

For more information log onto www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/safer-communities/county-lines/

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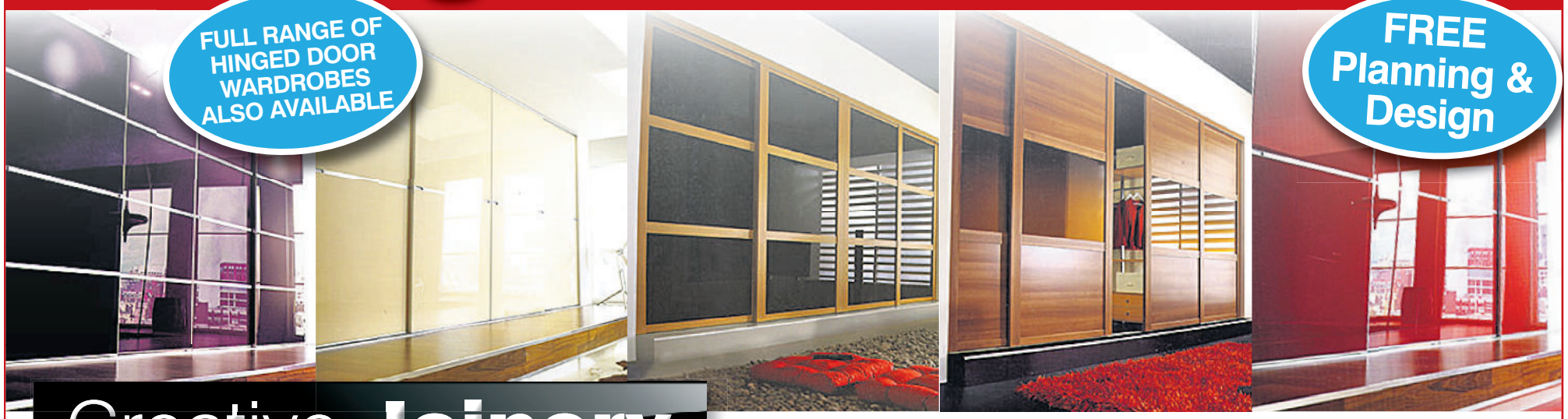

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National recognition for county council's adoption campaign

Report by **Henry James**

THE communications team at Lancashire County Council have won recognition in a national awards scheme for a campaign to recruit more adopters in the county.

The authority's *Thinking About Adoption?* campaign scooped bronze in the Public Service Communications Excellence Awards 2018 at a ceremony in Birmingham last week.

Celebrating excellence in public service communications, the awards are open to all public service communications professionals working in organisations including central and local government, health and emergency services.

The *Thinking About Adoption?* campaign is aimed at recruiting adoptive parents who are able to give a child a safe, permanent and loving family for life.

Lancashire County Council communications account executive, Anne Woods, is pictured with the bronze award flanked by David Holstock, director of Communications at the Local Government Association and Alex Aiken, executive director of Government Communications.

Effective

Lancashire County Council is one of the first adoption services nationally to develop early permanence and concurrent planning for adoption, so that more young children can go to live with their permanent family more quickly.

Research to target potential adoptive parents and to target effective communication with solid evaluation have supported the campaign's effectiveness.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm well aware that our adoption service is good and that was also recognised earlier this year by Ofsted. And I'm delighted that our campaign to find adopters who can give permanent homes to children has been acknowledged by others on a national stage.

"The adoption campaign has increased the number of enquiries and approvals on the previous year, which is great news for the children who need new permanent loving homes."

More information about the adoption process is available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or by calling the adoption team for an informal chat on 0300 123 6723.

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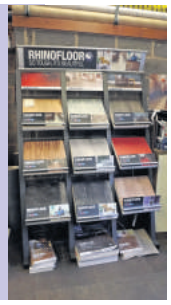

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More strikes are called on Northern Rail train services

Report by **Henry James**

RAIL union RMT has confirmed a raft of new strike dates on Northern Rail's train services.

The new dates for passenger disruption were announced just days after Northern unveiled new trains for the region - trains which are at the centre of the present strike action.

The long running dispute is over the role guards will play when the proposed driver-only operated trains are introduced.

RMT members were on strike on Saturday (October 13) - the 31st day of strike action since the dispute started.

Union chiefs say their campaign is taking place because the company continues to 'refuse to engage in serious and meaningful talks around the guard guarantee that could form the basis for a settlement'.

All RMT Arriva Rail North conductor, conductor instructor and train driver members have been instructed not to book on for duty this Saturday, October 20. In addition they are being told not to report for work on Saturday October 27; Saturday, November 3 and Saturday, November 10.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash claimed: "RMT continues to make every effort to get serious and meaningful talks going with Northern but the company are not interested and would prefer to continue to bury their heads in the sand regardless of the impact on the travelling public.

"German-owned Northern Rail want to run nearly half a million trains a year without a safety critical guard on board in a move that would wreck both safety and access to services and they should listen to their front-line staff and pull back from that plan immediately.

Northern's MD David Brown and Northern Powerhouse minister Jake Berry, with colleagues from Northern alongside one of the new trains at the centre of the dispute

"RMT has secured agreements on other English franchises that enshrine the guard guarantee. Similar agreements have also been reached in Wales and Scotland. Arriva Rail North need to do the right thing and come to an agreement that secures a guard on their trains too."

Richard Allan, deputy managing director for Northern, responded: "RMT's latest announcement will mean that Northern's customers have had to endure strikes every Saturday in September, October and now into November - this is incredibly frustrating and disappointing and is a further blow for our regional economy.

"The RMT changed its mind about what it would discuss between the first and second meetings at Acas, making it impossible to progress.

"We have offered to explore all options, including those RMT has agreed with other train operators, but they refuse to discuss these with Northern for reasons only known to them.

"We urge the RMT to suspend strikes, and get back round the table to talk about the options they agreed to discuss in the first meeting at Acas."

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It would be criminal to allow our NHS to be dismantled or privatised for the sake of profit

JOE Welsh (Champion Letters, October 3) is right to be alarmed at the risk of more privatisation for our NHS. For all its imperfections the NHS is one of the most cost-effective health services in the world.

For something like 8% of our GDP we have a service that covers all citizens and is free at the point of delivery, except for certain charges e.g. prescriptions. It is the envy of many other nations and costs less than most other developed countries spend.

It would be a crime to allow our NHS to be dismantled or privatised for the benefit of profit. This Government has underfunded the NHS in the name of 'austerity' and the cracks in NHS provision are there for all to see. The Government then uses the fact that the NHS is not functioning as well as it should as an excuse to privatise the service.

With funding limited any privatisation means that a profit needs to be made and so less is actually spent on direct care. The NHS now benefits from working with a wide range of private health care providers, who can bring impressive extra facilities and expertise to supplement services. In these circumstances the NHS is in control, sets proper quality standards and will be held to account for outcomes.

The Government will say it needs the expertise of the private sector to modernise and shake up the NHS. I agree that the NHS does need to change and improve. If we were to give the NHS proper funding and NHS staff at all levels the resources and time to provide quality care and to innovate, we would once again see a world-class service and not dividends to shareholders.

Robert Wall, Aughton, by email.

Hospital parking area is designated for use of rapid response service staff visiting patients on demand throughout day

I REFER to Chris Carr's letter headed 'Is it one rule for NHS workers and another for Virgin Care? (Champion, September 26) in which it was said a Virgin Care car was parked up on the pedestrian entrance to Ormskirk walk-in centre.

While this is true, I'd like to explain that this is a designated area that the hospital allows us to park in.

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In order to do this safely they have to load the car with medical equipment each time they visit and it has to be unloaded afterwards.

The service is for NHS patient care and we're not avoiding parking fees. We pay the hospital a monthly charge to park the car in front of the hospital as per their agreed rate.

Parking the car in this space does not hinder access for any patients or ambulances but we're working with the hospital to find a better solution.

Michelle Lee, managing director, West Lancs Adult Community & Urgent Care Services.

How will existing health services cope with expected influx of new residents?

MORE and more houses are being built in Skelmersdale, which it seems are obviously needed.

Look around, there's Spencer Lane off Digmoor Road/Digmoor Court (old site of Skelmersdale Sports Centre); Beechtrees; possibly on Castle Hey/Birch Green/Ashurst Park/Woodlands; plus an application to build on the Whalley area (Ashurst).

Yet there seems to be no provision for additional doctors or dental surgeries.

Will the existing NHS facilities, including the Concourse walk-in centre, be able to cope with the increasing population?

Incidentally, if you look at the original plan for Skelmersdale New Town, it shows a hospital to be built on land now occupied by the Asda store, the Miner's Peg and the West Lancashire College.

F. E. , by email.

PICTURE of the week

Burscough Village Primary School pupils Sam and Sienna on their visit to The Fylde Fish and Chip Restaurant as part of Harvest and celebration of National Seafood Week which, to the delight of their classmates, included a 'hands-on' practical lesson in the art of making fishcakes! Picture by Martyn Snape

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I had a dream... and then reality hit home

I had a dream last night that I had opened the Champion and in it, it said the Queen will open the new Skelmersdale train station and new town centre in two weeks.

And during her visit, she will also open the Ormskirk Bypass and the new bus station, and cycle ways will be opened from Edge Hill to the bus and train station using Section106 monies given by Edge Hill university.

My dream also revealed that the new Ormskirk traffic strategy has now been in place for two weeks and there has been no hold-ups.

The new Derby Street bridge is to be finished in four weeks - on time and within budget.

WLBC which, as we know, consists of the highest paid councillors in all of Lancashire, have agreed to have their salaries cut and would like the savings spent on flowers on roundabouts and on cutting verges. The new Skelmersdale and Ormskirk Accident & Emergency department has opened and due to not having to travel to Southport A&E three lives have been saved in just four weeks.

But, alas, it was all a dream.. but sometimes dreams do come true - but I'm not holding my breath.

Barrie French,
(A dreamer)
Skelmersdale

Virgin management couldn't care less!

PLEASE inform your readers that today, after many years of doctor-initiated National Health podiatry care, I have been informed that now Virgin have taken over, only acute problems will be seen by their chiropodist staff.

Obviously, a profit-generated decision, typical of this uncaring company.

I am 73 years old, cannot bend because of a slipped disc in the base of my back and degenerative discs in neck and am currently being investigated for other problems.

Not a problem, I was told, as I can seek private podiatry - at a cost of course!

Just what did I pay National Health contributions for over 40 years?

Virgin healthcare - what a sick joke! It is nearly impossible to make an appointment (not that it matters now).

The staff are ex-NHS people and are wonderful but are having to take direction from Virgin uncaring management.

Who on Earth gave them the contract? They have a lot to answer for.

Maurice Baxter,
Up Holland, by email.

Turn it down!

What a wonderful show is put on each year at the International Fireworks Competition in Southport – this year being no exception.

The organisers and the firms taking part are to be congratulated for all their hard work.

Just one point: Why is the music always so excruciatingly loud and constantly being increased, especially by the live bands even before the actual displays?

High volume is not a sign of good music. In fact it tends to distort and boom.

Maybe next year the sound engineers will get it right?

E.J.,
(by email)

Vegan plan to save the planet is worth chewing over - with a bacon buttie

IF I want seriously to Save The Planet, I apparently have to give up eating polar bears.

Well, no, if I want to save the polar bears I must give up eating meat of all kinds - including any type of bear.

I haven't read the no doubt well-researched report that came up with this ploy to reduce greenhouse gases.

But I have no intention ever to approve of the notion of driverless cars.

I also have no intention to become either vegetarian or vegan.

I presume this new fad will also outlaw drinking milk, so what on earth will happen to all the cows - or for that matter sheep and pigs?

I also question the effect on health of this pogrom.

We human beings are not herbivores.

Neither are we carnivores.

We are omnivores - which means that our bodies are designed to function correctly on balanced diet of meat and five veg a day.

Any vegan will tell you that you lose out on certain vital minerals if you stick to a meat-free diet.

But not to worry they say, you can take pills and powders to make this up.

Well, so much for then.

I heard about this daft new restriction on our freedom to do what we think best for our own bodies from one of those panels of earnest-sounding do-gooders on TV the other day.

There were two comedians (no I am not making this up), an MP who obviously could not be seen to oppose any measure designed to reduce climate change and a already fully Vegan convert as well as a rather strident chairperson who tried uncomfortably to sit on the fence.

Now please don't get me wrong.

I do want to combat climate change - but frankly there is little point if you also succeed in making your life dull and miserable.

And anyway, these largely self-appointed guardians of the rest of us are very keen to make our lives miserable with an increasing list of things we must - or more commonly must not - do.

So while the rest of us are penalised for driving diesel cars (which we were advised to do by the Government only a very few years ago), they are free to fly to green conferences around the world, producing far more greenhouse gasses than I ever will do in my diesel powered boat.

And the two-faced way they go about all this is gob-smacking.

On the one hand those who rule our lives propose either to ban, or more likely charge a swingeing price for, driving in cities.

We are supposed to approve this (and in fact I do), while on the other hand cheer the Chancellor for freezing motor fuel tax.

We applaud the advent of 'hybrid' cars and buses without giving a thought either to the cost of replacing their batteries, the cost to the environment of producing said batteries, or the difficulty of getting rid of them when the time comes.

Beside which, many of these cars actually guzzle more gas than a modern diesel.

I agree that climate change must be tackled. But tackled fairly.

If you are well-off enough to be able to afford an electric car, good.

But what about the unfortunate folk who can't afford more than say, £5,000 for a car?

Oh yes, and there is a campaign to get loads of (diesel) lorries on to the railways - again something of which I wholeheartedly approve.

What about getting people out of their cars and onto the trains and buses.

Folk of my age remember when buses were frequent and reached just about every hamlet in the land.

A pipedream now of course.

I think I'll tuck into a bacon buttie while I chew the problem over.

Pensioners take a trip down Memory Lane

THE brother of a former Everton FC player was one of a group of care home residents who enjoyed a trip to Goodison Park.

The trip, involving residents from care homes in Southport, Formby, and Ormskirk, was organised by Henry Mooney, community engagement officer with Everton in the Community.

Among the group was 103-year-old Wilf Cockbain from Parklands Lodge in Southport who recalled being taken to the ground by his father when he was a boy.

The occasion was also especially meaningful for Formby's Woodlands Lodge resident, Gerry Tansey, 84, who saw team photographs including his brother Jimmy Tansey who played for the club in the 1950s.

Lesley Malone, activities coordinator for Athena Healthcare, which owns and manages the homes, said the trip brought back many happy memories for Gerry.

The group, which also included residents form Ormskirk's Abbey Wood Lodge, was given a tour of the stadium, including the changing room where they saw shirts with the names of Everton's current crop of players.

Gerry Tansey, front row, far left; Lesley Malone back row, fourth left; Wilf Cockbain, second right, front; and Henry Mooney, back row, right.

Lesley said the trip was part of the healthcare group's new 'Life style choices' initiative, where residents decide how and where to spend their days.

There are plans to visit Liverpool FC's ground Anfield too, she said.

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‘Life changing device’ for diabetics available for West Lancs patients

Report by **Henry James**

NEW medical technology described as “life changing” to help type 1 diabetics control their condition is now available on the NHS in West Lancs.

West Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) carried out a consultation earlier this year about making the glucose monitoring devices, such as the Free Style Libre, available for type 1 diabetics.

The Free Style Libre includes a sensor attached to the arm and continually monitors blood sugar levels.

This does away with the usual finger-pricking process to test blood and, it’s claimed, also helps diabetics take more control of their condition and their overall health.

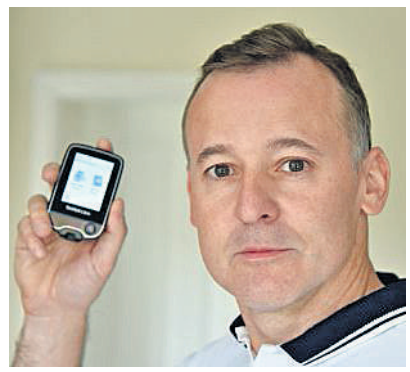
It has been available on the NHS since November 1 of last year after being approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), but its use is subject to local CCG approval.

Steve Ashton and Elisabeth Perry contacted the Champion to urge people to support making the devices available, saying that they radically improved the quality of life for diabetics.

Now all eight CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria have agreed to provide diabetics with the device, as well as insulin pumps.

Diabetes specialists in hospitals and other specialists such as diabetes specialist nurses will be responsible for prescribing glucose monitors and are expected to start prescribing them for patients by mid-November, subject to implementation arrangements.

Lancashire and Cumbria NHS says that diabetes patients must meet the access criteria, which includes patients who are already self-funding these devices, as long as they can demonstrate they would have met the criteria when they began to self-fund.



Steve Aston and one of the Free Style Libre blood glucose monitoring devices and below: Elisabeth Perry and her blood glucose monitoring equipment

Andy Curran, Executive Medical Director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: “Many insulin-dependent diabetics face challenges in managing and controlling their condition every day. These new policies are good news for them, as they will ensure these devices are made available to those who need them the most, across all age groups.

“The clinical commissioning groups are responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services. We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must take into account the limited resources that are available.

Steve Ashton, from Burscough, who has had type 1 diabetes for 33 years, said: “I think it’s truly wonderful news. This decision will really be a real game changer for diabetics in West Lancs.

“It will step change their quality of life with fewer blood tests required, improve safety by giving better warnings and fewer instances of low blood sugars, and lastly it will mean better diabetic control - bringing better long term health benefits too. That’s going to be a huge win for the NHS and it’s budget too!”

Elisabeth Perry, from Aughton, was less optimistic however. She said: “This is great news for many diabetics across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

“But sadly many type 1 diabetics including myself may not benefit as I am unsure whether we will will meet the strict criteria in the policy.

“My diabetes is fairly well managed using the painful, time consuming finger pricking method but could be improved with the Free Style Libre sensors which give you readings whenever you are and give so much more information to help control blood sugar levels.

“I believe access to the Free Style Libre sensors should be available to all type 1 diabetics with no restrictions and would save the NHS money now and in the future.”

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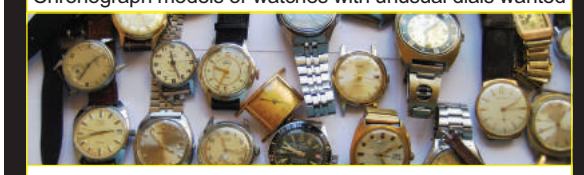

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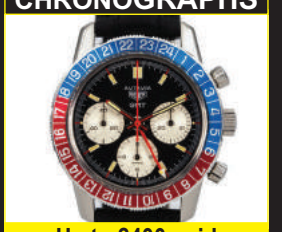

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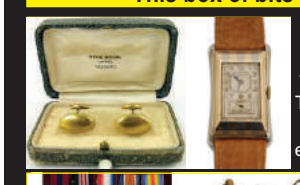

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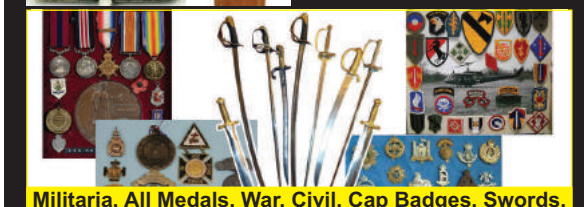

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Care home residents celebrate 100 years of Royal Air Force

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Residents from Athena Healthcare homes in West Lancs and Southport, as well as residents from the Promenade Rest Home in Southport, were joined by Wing Commander David Hooton from Royal Air Force Woodvale and members of the British Legion and Skelmersdale Ex Services.

Also joining in the celebrations were Deputy Mayor of West Lancs,Councillor Gaynar Owen and Mayoress, Ann Stubbert.

The event was part of the group's community hub initiative which aims to provide social activities for older people, both within their homes and in the wider community, to enable them to make friends.

Right: Guests at the party to mark 100 years of the RAF.

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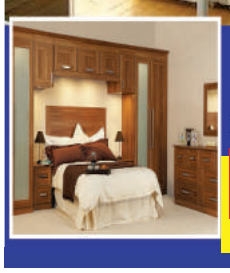

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Nursing home nurtures nursery link

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancs nursery are enjoying the benefits of learning and playing outside - with a little help from a local nursing home.

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Money for the classroom was raised through a raffle for residents and friends of the home, as well as an additional gift from its owners, Colin and Wendy Wilkinson.

Elizabeth Wynne, activities co-ordinator at Springfield Court, said: "We are hoping the link will grow between the home and the nursery and benefit both the children and our residents. Seeing little children in the home will be good for them and hopefully they will form a strong bond with them."

A statement on behalf of the preschool's trustees read: "The children at Pavilion Preschool are delighted with their new outdoor learning and play area, which provides a degree of protection from the weather and enables children to enjoy learning through enriched outdoor play - an important part of pre-school education.

"We are grateful to all of our fundraisers, including parents and staff, and a particular thank-you to Springfield Court Nursing Home for their generous contribution."

Elizabeth Wynne of Springfield Court Nursing Home chats to children at Pavilion Preschool when she went to see their new outdoor classroom facility which the home helped to fund.

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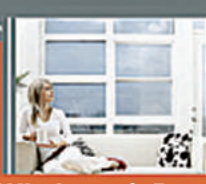

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Mental health campaign launched by NHS Trust to reach out to more people

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust wants to raise awareness of the help and support that is available to local residents who are suffering from mental health problems.

The health authority used the occasion of the World Mental Health Day (October 10) to remind people of the Wellbeing and Mental Health helpline and also the Mindsmatters Lancashire service.

World Mental Health Day is organised by the World Mental Health Foundation to encourage people to start conversations about mental health to help reduce discrimination and stigma surrounding the topic.

The Wellbeing and Mental Health helpline provides a listening ear for people who may be feeling lonely, stressed or experiencing mental health problems and thoughts of suicide.

Lorraine Khalaf, Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "Many people may be afraid to speak out if they are concerned about their mental health or someone they know due to stigma around this subject. However, we want

Kieran Fleck of Mindsmatter.

people to know that it is okay to talk about how you're feeling and even if you don't feel like you can speak to family and friends, the helpline is here to provide a listening ear.

"We understand it can be quite difficult to know what to say but there is no need to worry, our trained operators are on hand to put you at ease and provide information and support when you need it most."

The Mindsmatter service provides talking therapies, and psychological and therapeutic support for people living in Lancashire and St Helens.

Kieran Fleck from the Mindsmatter Service said: "Sadly there is still a lot of stigma surrounding mental health which can often deter people from opening up and getting in touch with their local support service. We want to encourage people who are feeling low, lonely or experiencing mental health problems to refer in to the service and get the help they need. No one should feel as though they have no one to talk to. We want to remind people of the many ways in which they can access the service and that it is ok to talk."

Mindsmatter provides educational classes on understanding and managing stress, anxiety and depression.

They also offer techniques to improve relaxation, sleep, as well as providing access to counselling and online cognitive behavioural therapy programmes.

People can access via the online referral form from the comfort of their own home, by post, telephone or by visiting their GP.

For more information about your local Mindsmatter service and to access their online self-referral form visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter.

The Wellbeing and Mental Health helpline is available Monday to Friday 7-11pm and Saturday and Sunday noon to midnight.

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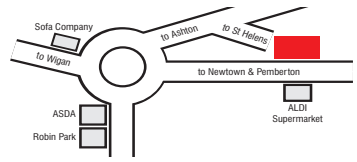

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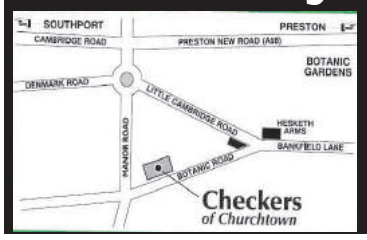

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Law firm to take part in Charity Will Month in aid of Alder Hey

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Solicitors have raised more than £92,000 for good causes since 2009

A LOCAL firm of legal eagles are once again set to take part in November's Charity Will Month campaign in aid of a good cause.

This year the team at Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors in Ormskirk will be looking raise funds on behalf of Alder Hey Children's Charity.

Since 2009, the Derby Street company has raised more than £92,000 for good causes including the Neonatal unit at Ormskirk Hospital (to purchase medical equipment); Help for Heroes (donations going to support injured veterans); and Derian House Children's Hospice (supporting children and their families with terminal illnesses).

Michael Prendergast (left) and colleagues from Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors presenting the cheque to representatives of The Civic following last year's Charity Will Month.

Benefit

Last year, the firm raised more than £12,000 for Ormskirk Civic Hall to help towards the cost of refurbishment of the building.

Partner at Dickinson Parker Hill, Michael Prendergast, said: "We are delighted to be able to carry out our Charity Will Month again this year and we will be trying to raise as much as possible for Alder Hey Children's Charity.

"Many local people and their families will have benefited from the wonderful care and treatment provided by the staff at Alder Hey and we are really happy to once again support this local institution."

The scheme works by clients making a donation to the charity rather than paying a fee for their will. The recommended minimum donation for a simple single will is £60 and £120 for simple mirror wills.

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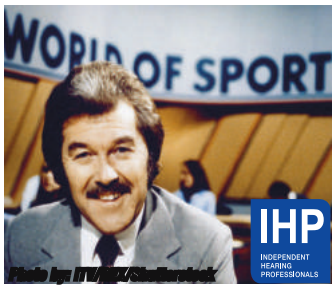

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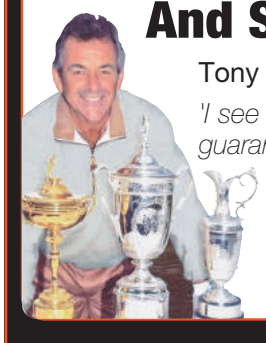

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Take That first concert at Anfield for ten years

TAKE That will hold the first concert at Anfield stadium for more than ten years when they perform next summer.

The three-piece will visit the Reds' home stadium on Thursday, June 6, 2019 as part of their 38-date Greatest Hits tour.

The announcement comes after Liverpool FC were given permission by Liverpool City Council to hold six concerts a year at the stadium.

The club had originally wanted to hold ten, but agreed to the lesser number after complaints from local residents and councillors.

A statement released from Take That said: "It's a real honour for us to be able to play Anfield, such an historic ground and venue. The Liverpool audiences have always been incredible."

The last concert to be held at Anfield was in 2008, when Sir Paul McCartney performed.

First aid provider launches awards for life-saving skills

Report by **Kenny Parker**

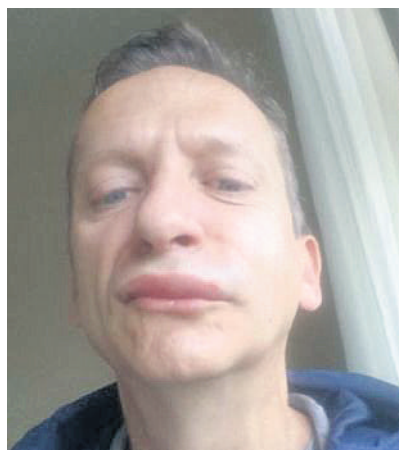
A REGIONAL first aid provider based in Skelmersdale has launched a new awards scheme for those who have used first aid skills to help inspire others to take up training and help save lives.

West Lancs Course Provider, situated at the West Lancs Investment Centre on White Moss Business Park delivers nationally-recognised workplace qualifications, specialising in first aid, CPR, fire safety, safeguarding, food safety and health and safety.

Director Jacqeline Crightion, said: "A third of UK residents do not know first aid or would not feel confident using first aid in an emergency. They would rather wait for an ambulance or in hope that a passer-by knows first aid.

"140,000 people die each year in situations where first aid could have made a difference.

"A person can die from choking within three to four minutes, but it can take up to eight to ten minutes for an ambulance to arrive.



Peter Thompson was stung in the mouth by a wasp.

"In light of this we want to train as many people as possible in these life-saving skills. We encourage our learners to share good news stories of how they have used the first aid skills they have learned with us in work to inspire others and gain in confidence.

"We want to recognise their achievements and help to make a difference. The first aid good news stories range from minor incidents such as applying a plaster, managing bleeds, fainting etc. to life saving incidents such as CPR."

Jacqueline cited the example of Peter Thompson, a web designer which is considered low risk occupation, who received first aid training from WLCP.

He was stung in the mouth by a wasp while jogging causing serious allergic reaction, anaphylaxis.

His symptoms included swelling, itching, difficulty breathing and dizziness.

This was an immediate cause of concern as it could obstruct his airway or cause him to go into shock which is a life threatening condition.

Jacqueline said: "Peter recognised the symptoms and seriousness of the situation from his first aid training and sought immediate medical help. Thankfully, he sought help in time and he is now fully recovered."

The winner of the first aid awards will be announced on Friday, December 7. The winner will receive an award and a £100 gift voucher.

Dr Sacha Youzguin (middle) with chairperson of West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group members

Respiratory expert visits Breathe Easy group

DOCTOR Sacha Youzguin, consultant respiratory physician at Southport Hospital, spoke to members of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group at their last meeting.

The doctor gave the group updates about Respiratory Disease and treatments and answered the questions put by his audience.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "This most recent visit to us was no exception. Dr Youzguin's talk was very interesting, and he included details, for instance, of a new inhaler that has treble functions, rather than just one.

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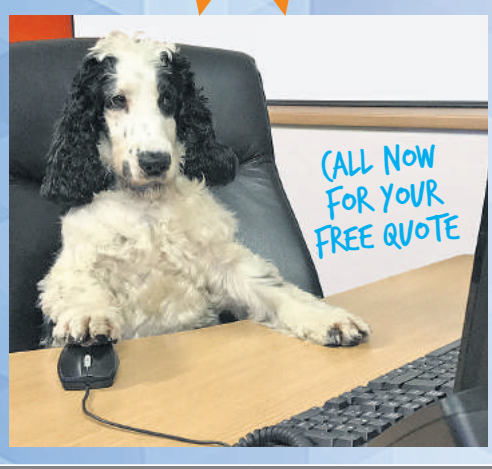

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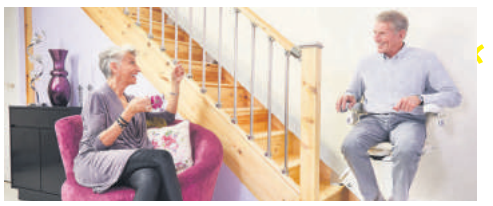

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Edge Hill to lead first national survey into mental health issues in sport

EDGE Hill University, in partnership with independent body, Duty Of Care In Action Sport (DOCIAsport) has launched the UK's first-ever national survey into the mental health of people involved in sport.

Questioning people aged 16-plus who work in sport from grassroots to professional level, and in the education and physical activity/lifestyle sectors, the results will reveal for the first time the state of mental health throughout the sports workforce.

As well as helping identify variations between sports and job roles, the university says that the research will lead to better support for employees' and also volunteers' mental health.

Great Britain Paralympian, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, is backing the survey after she chaired the Government's Duty of Care in Sport Review in 2017. She said: "The mental health of the sport sector was a vitally important component of the terms of reference of the review.

"I am delighted that Edge Hill University and DOCIAsport have launched this survey which will help inform strategies and policies relating to well-being for all involved in delivering sport and activity in the UK.

"While the ability to discuss these issues has become more positive in recent times, there is still much to be done to ensure that people are supported to reach their potential."

Supported by the Sport and Recreation Alliance, the short, 10-minute survey will be shared across sport and physical activity organisations, national governing bodies and other groups including charities and universities.

Edge Hill professor of sport and physical activity, Andy Smith, who contributed to the 2017 review, said: "Mental health and illness are increasingly recognised as being important in sport and physical activity, yet little data exists on the mental health of the workforce in the sector and how prevalent mental illness and mental health help-seeking is.

Prof. Andy Smith.

"Through this survey and the interviews we hope to conduct, we'll be able to shed new light on mental health in the UK sport and physical activity workforce and be able to identify variations between sports and different job/volunteer roles which is an important starting point for better understanding this complex area.

"Ultimately our findings will enable us to make recommendations on how organisations in the sport and physical activity sector can better support their employees' mental health and how effective forms of training and support can be developed."

DOCIAsport has been established to offer a collaborative partnership service to national governing bodies, member associations and Higher Education institutions providing independent advice, support and guidance on all aspects of duty of care in action.

Ian Braid, founder of DOCIAsport and former CEO of the British Athletes Commission who himself has experienced mental illness, said: "The need to address mental health in the sport and physical activity sector was one of the driving forces behind setting up DOCIAsport and for collaborating with Edge Hill University on this important project.

"This is the first survey of its kind, especially in its broad definition of 'workforce' which rightly includes all manner of roles and volunteer positions. I look forward to the results in 2019 which will ultimately help inform future policies and practice."

For more information about the project and to complete the survey, visit: https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/sport/research/spawmh/.

Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen and Bernie Green joined Ormskirk Ukulele Band and residents and staff to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Pardoe Court retirement scheme in Burscough.

Ukulele band strike up to mark home's milestone

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs retirement home enjoyed a musical treat to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its opening.

The Ormskirk Ukulele Band provided the entertainment at a party to mark the milestone at Pardoe Court in Junction Lane, Burscough.

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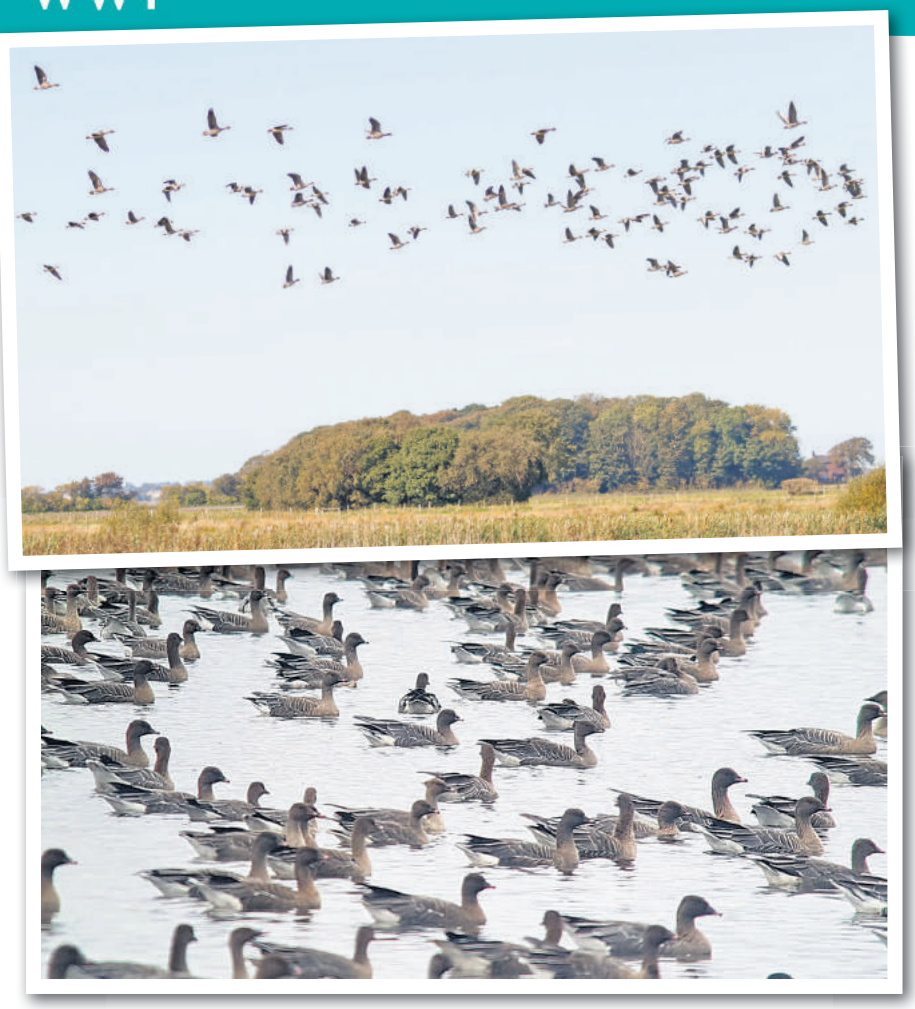

Pink Footed Geese arrive in their thousands at WWT Martin Mere

If you've looked up to the sky lately, you may have noticed a lot of activity from incoming wildlife. If you're curious as to what these wildfowl are flying over the North West in their thousands, then wonder no more – they're migrating Pink Footed Geese.

Every year during late September to late October, Martin Mere plays host to these migrating geese. Throughout the month, the Pink Footed Geese make the long journey from their breeding ground in Iceland all the way over to Britain for the winter, with up to forty thousand stopping off at Martin Mere on the way.

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MP backs breast cancer 'wear it pink' campaign

Report by **Henry James**

MP ROSIE Cooper will add a splash of pink to her usual attire to support Breast Cancer Now's 'wear it pink' fundraiser, which will take place this Friday (October 19) to raise money for vital breast cancer research.

Ms Cooper encourages all people across the UK to take part on Wear it Pink day and raise money for Breast Cancer Now.

The MP is calling for her constituents in West Lancashire to join her, as well as thousands of others across the UK to sign up and take part in Wear it Pink, which takes place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to date has raised over £31million towards Breast Cancer Now's important work.

Anyone can take part in Wear It Pink, whether at work, school or in their community. All people need to do is wear something pink, or hold a pink themed event, and donate to Breast Cancer Now.

Rosie Cooper MP to Wear It Pink

With every penny raised, fundraisers across the UK will be helping the charity achieve its aim that, if we all act now, by 2050 everyone who develops breast cancer will live, and live well.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "Breast cancer is still the most common form of cancer in the UK. Each year around 11,500 women and 80 men lose their lives to the disease. That's why I'm so passionate about encouraging everyone in West Lancashire to take part in Wear It Pink day on Friday, October 19.

"Wear It Pink is a great way to come together with friends and family to have fun whilst raising money for Breast Cancer Now's vital research. All it takes is an additional splash of pink to your normal outfit!

"Breast cancer affects so many people in West Lancashire with over 300 diagnoses each year, so I hope that everybody in West Lancashire will get involved this October and support this very important cause.

"Already there are 12 Wear It Pink events planned in West Lancashire and I hope they are well supported. To set up your own event you can visit www.WearItPink.org"

Baroness Delyth Morgan, chief executive at Breast Cancer Now, said: "We are really grateful for the enthusiasm and support shown by MP Rosie Cooper. We hope that by wearing pink, Rosie will encourage her constituents in West Lancashire to get involved and fundraise in their homes, schools or workplaces, and help us to continue to fund world-class research into this devastating disease.

"Wear it pink is a fantastic opportunity for communities across the UK to come together, have fun and show their support to this very important cause. By simply wearing something pink and donating what you can, you are helping raise much-needed funds to stop breast cancer taking the lives of those we love. Together we can take one step forward to help reach our goal that, by 2050, everyone who develops breast cancer will live, and live well."

Group to hold war remembrance event

A WEST Lancashire community group is holding a remembrance show at Ormskirk's Chapel Gallery on Thursday, November 8 to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Learning Stars, a group of people with learning disabilities, meet weekly at venues in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Southport.

Working in partnership with the Workers' Education Association, they take part in a range of activities including art, gardening, choir, drama and dance.

The remembrance show at the gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, will take place between1.30 and 4pm.

A soldier who has been in combat will also hold a question-and-answer session followed by a minute's silence. For more information visit www.learningstars.org.uk; email linda@tosit.com; or call 07523 166 008.

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wear it pink, the UK's biggest pink fundraiser which takes place during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, calls on supporters to ditch their everyday colours and pull on some pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Now's life-saving breast cancer research.

The fundraising event, back for its 17th year, encourages supporters to hold events in their communities, schools and workplaces on Friday 19th October and donate to Breast Cancer Now to help the charity achieve its aim that by 2050 everybody who develops breast cancer will live, and live well.

wear it pink started in 2002 and has so far raised over £31 million for Breast Cancer Now's vital breast cancer research.

Lisa Riley said: *"I will be wearing pink this October for my beautiful mum who lost her life to breast cancer. I know the devastating effect this awful disease can have and I want to help raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Now's research so that together, we can all help to achieve a future where everyone who develops breast cancer will live – and live well."*

Lottie Barnden, Senior Fundraising Products Manager at Breast Cancer Now, said: *"Wear it pink is a brilliant opportunity for people across the UK to get together, wear pink and raise money for breast cancer research. It's so easy to get involved - you can hold a pink cake sale, do a pink non-uniform day in the office or have a pink party at home with your friends.*

"This year alone around 55,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and around 11,500 women and 80 men will lose their lives to the disease. This is why we are urging everyone to get involved in wear it pink this Friday - to raise vital funds for research so we can stop breast cancer in its tracks."

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Lime Street's £140m facelift is completed

Report by **Tom Martin**

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling unveiling a plaque at Lime Street with (from left): Sean Hyland, Network Rail; Pat Cawley, Network Rail; Louise Ellman MP; Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham

A £140million transformation of Liverpool Lime Street station has been completed with the full reopening of all ten of the platforms.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling was one of the first to get a tour of the new-look railway station on Monday, October 15 when he joined Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram to unveil a plaque to mark the occasion.

Network Rail has hailed the work over the past 18 months as a success, pointing out the track, platform and signalling improvements were all completed on time and on budget.

One of Northern's brand new, state of the art trains was also at the station for the event.

Due to start entering service by the end of the year, this is part of a £500m investment in a fleet of 98 new trains and the retirement of the old 'Pacer' train.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling MP, said: "When Concourse House was demolished it opened up Lime Street's Grade II façade to the city again, and made it a much more fitting neighbour for the magnificent St George's Hall and the other historic buildings of Liverpool's World Heritage site.

The new-look Lime Street station

"Now these improvements mean the interior of the station matches the exterior. Work on the platforms, tracks and signalling equipment of the station will deliver longer trains, more reliable services, more seats and faster journeys.

"Working closely with Network Rail and train operators, they will ensure people see significant benefits from the £1bn Great North Rail Project. They are part of the government's determination to put better journeys for passengers at the heart of everything we do. "

Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, said: "Lime Street station is a vital cog in our transport network and this major upgrade is important not just for individual passengers but for the economy of the whole city region.

"There is clearly much more to be done to improve our transport infrastructure across the north as a whole but this is a very welcome first step."

Sunday, October 14 saw the completion of the final stage of the work to bring the newly extended platform 1 into passenger use.

The platform, originally numbered platform 2, has been extended by 60m, from 160m to 220m in length to accommodate longer trains, with more seats for more passengers.

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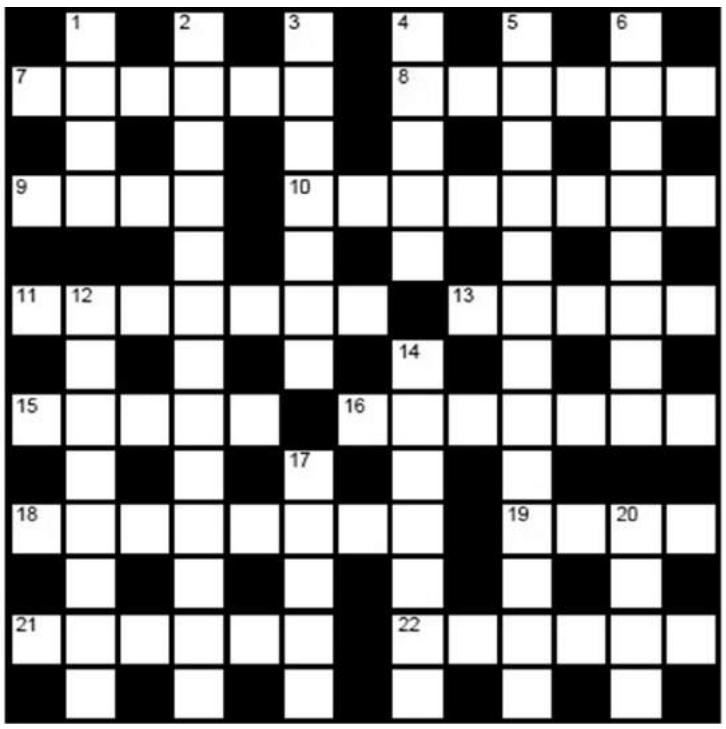

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8. Accomplished public speaker (6)
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11. In writing (2, 5)
13. Last letter of Greek alphabet (5)
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Council concern over anti-social behaviour in Bonfire Night build up

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Community Safety Partnership is aiming to tackle anti-social behaviour in the run up to Mischief Night and Bonfire Night.

Through the annual Bright Sparx Campaign, the Partnership will aim to reduce anti-social behaviour, such as the misuse of fireworks, criminal damage and the number of anti-social fires started deliberately.

Heidi McDougall, Community Safety Partnership chairperson, said: "Our comprehensive Bright Sparx action plan draws on experience of previous years to tackle potential problems and dangers around Mischief night and Bonfire Night to keep residents safe at this time of year."

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancashire Borough Council portfolio holder for community safety, said: "The Community Safety Partnership provides excellent value for money as the council and its partners work together to tackle anti-social behaviour at this potentially difficult time of year."

In the run up to bonfire night neighbourhood policing teams will be conducting "visible" patrols and will deal "robustly" with incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Kevin Wright

West Lancashire Borough Council, police and fire service will undertake a number of other initiatives, including visiting young people who have been involved in anti-social behaviour during previous Mischief Night and Bonfire Night periods and taking fireworks from children who are under age.

They will also remove bonfires from unauthorised sites and promote the Go4it events at Skelmersdale Fire Station on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 organised by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council's Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

Community Action and Engagement events in Tanhouse, Birch Green, Digmoor, Little Digmoor, Moorside, and Old Skelmersdale will aim to help reduce crime by removing rubbish and materials that could be used for criminal damage or starting fires. Advice will also be available on issues such as community safety and housing.

On the day when Community Action and Engagement events take place in each area, skips will be available from about 9.30am on different days for local people to get rid of rubbish.

For a full list of dates, times and locations of the events, visit the website: www.west-lancs.gov.uk/news.aspx

Lancashire Children and Family Wellbeing Service are also organising a Halloween Spooktacular Neighbourhood Community Day at Eavesdale Neighbourhood Centre between 1pm and 3pm on Friday, October 26.

Little Monsters Youth Group will also host a Halloween party between 6pm and 8pm on October 31 at the Eavesdale Neighbourhood Centre for children aged between 8 and 13.

West Lancashire Partnerships Inspector, Chief Inspector Ian Jones, said: "We are working closely with our partners and advising parents to keep their children at home to make sure they are safe and don't get into trouble. If teenagers are going out they should attend properly organised and supervised events."

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Report by **Kenny Parker**

Greg Mitten, lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is asking for public opinion on its revised policy for the reversal of sterilisation in men and women.

Currently the local CCG does not routinely fund procedures to reverse sterilisation because although they are considered appropriate they are not effective.

The authority is proposing that there will be no change in its policy to not provide funding for the procedures but for a different reason.

The proposed policy says it is not appropriate for the NHS to use public funds for these procedures, on the basis that the reversal of sterilisation to restore fertility is not a medical condition and there are other, more appropriate treatments that should be funded.

Sterilisation is a voluntary procedure, it says, paid for by the individuals concerned as a permanent form of contraception.

Residents of West Lancashire are invited to read this new and revised policy and provide their feedback and comments by completing the relevant survey. This can all be accessed by visiting the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria website: bit.ly/HLSCsterpol

Comments on the policy should be submitted by Friday, November 2.

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs Council for Voluntary Service and lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services, including GP services, hospital services, community, mental health and learning disability services, for and on behalf of, the local population of which we serve.

"We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must consider the limited resources we have.

"A key role for the CCG is to develop clinical policies that help us make decisions about the use of those limited resources.

"The policy that we are currently consulting on may have an impact on many of our residents, it is therefore vitally important that our population have their say on what we are proposing."

West Lancs CCG says it is working in partnership with the other seven CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria to review clinical policies across the region.

The health authority says that the eight CCGs across Lancashire and South Cumbria have all agreed that there is a need to review their clinical policies in order to: ensure a consistent and fair approach; update current policies in accordance with National Guidelines and best clinical practice and to make sure it is using its limited resources to maximum effect.

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Warning issued to residents to reduce risk of flooding

NOW the autumn wet weather has started, Lancashire County Council is reminding residents to reduce the risk of flooding that could affect their home, family and neighbours.

Council bosses have said that clearing a few autumn leaves off the grating on a property will help to keep the drains working better.

Phil Durnell, head of highways for the county council, said: "People can help reduce the risk of surface water flooding by making sure any drain gully gratings on their own property are clear of leaves and other debris, because these often act like a plug and stop the water from draining away.

"You might even want to check leaves haven't blocked the gratings on the road outside your property, and clear these as well but please take care not to put yourself at any risk from passing traffic. The county council maintains over 300,000 highway gullies to help reduce the risk of surface water flooding, regularly cleaning out those that we know can be a particular problem."

Find out more advice and tips at www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding.

Angie Ridgwell

County Council has new face in charge for chief executive role

LANCASHIRE County Council has revealed Angie Ridgwell will become the local authority's new chief executive and director of resources.

Ms Ridgwell has been in the role on an interim basis for the past ten months, having initially joined the organisation for a one year period in January.

The recommendation for Ms Ridgwell to join the council permanently is now subject to the approval of all councillors at the next Full Council meeting on Thursday, October 18.

Ms Ridgwell joined the county council from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), where she was director general for Finance and Corporate Services.

A qualified accountant by profession, Ms Ridgwell has worked in a wide range of public sector bodies and local authorities, principally as chief executive or director of finance. These posts include Bristol City Council, Thurrock Council, Coventry City Council and Bridgnorth District Council.

Ms Ridgwell has also worked in consultancy and as an associate with KPMG.

Assignments included work at North East Lincolnshire Council and as executive director at the London Development Agency, advising the board and Mayor of London on regeneration and economic development strategies.

Health and Wellbeing Festival to be held at West Lancs college

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and Macmillan Cancer Support are working together on a Health & Wellbeing Festival.

The event, which is on Thursday, October 25 from 2-4.30pm, is open to anyone, not just those affected by cancer.

The Festival will provide information, signposting and contacts within the many organisations and services available within West Lancashire.

The voluntary, charitable and health sectors will be available under one roof, to offer support and information.

They will be offering a wide range of services relating to wellbeing, not just traditional health services.

The aim is to support and empower people to self-manage their condition, increase their knowledge of local services and reduce anxiety about where to get help.

There will be talks on fatigue, stress management and anxiety, the importance of staying active, healthy eating and weight management. Visitors can try out complementary therapies, have blood pressure checks and maybe win a 'pamper hamper'.

The event will be held West Lancs College, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6DX. To find out more call 01695 656533 or email Soh-tr.macmillanwestlancs@nhs.net.

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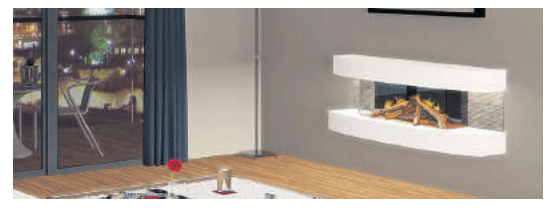

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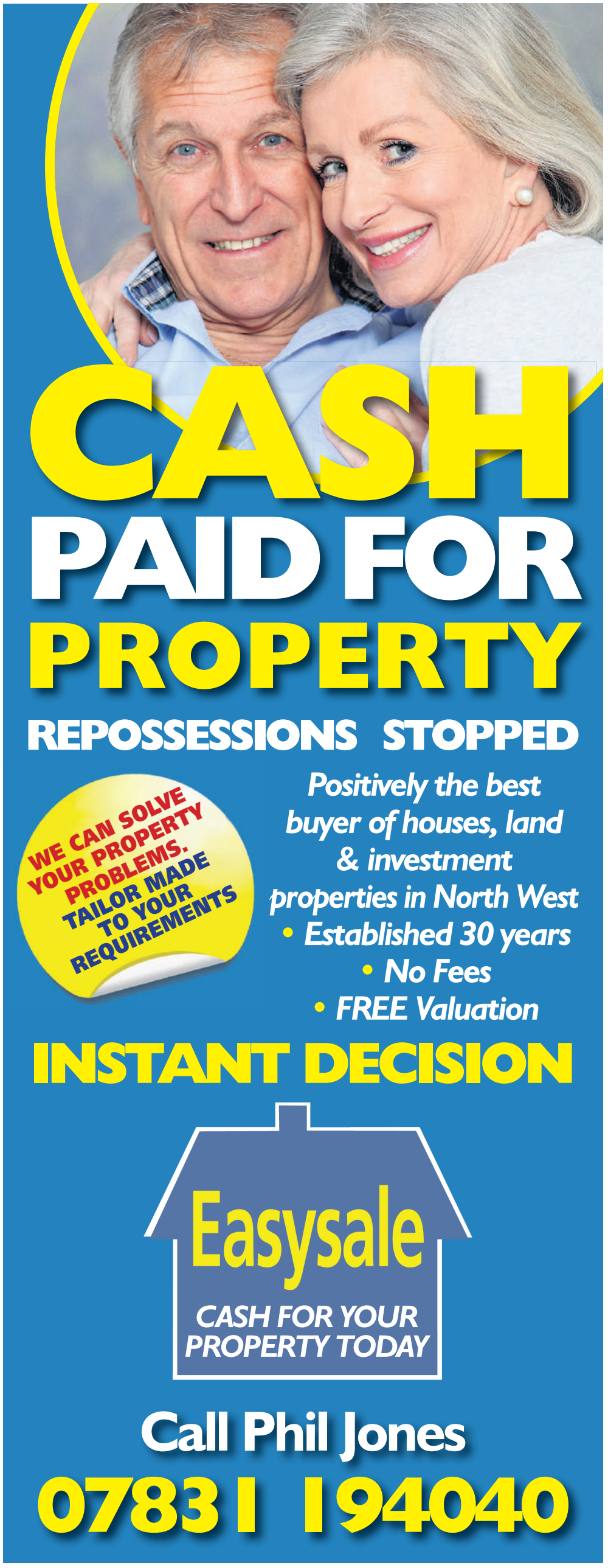

Libraries set to host range of fun-filled activities for children

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Children take part in craft activities at a Lancashire library.

LANCASHIRE Libraries are hosting a variety of entertaining activities for children and young people this half-term holiday.

Local libraries taking part include Skelmersdale Library, which will be giving the children the opportunity to play with Lego at Lego Club on Monday, October 22 between 2pm and 3pm.

The event caters for all ages with big bricks for the little ones.

Also at Skelmersdale Library, a session entitled Autumn Fun will be held on Wednesday, October 24 between 2-3pm, promising stories, spooky crafts and fun.

Children will have an opportunity to make new friends, choose books, and discover the EBook library.

Meanwhile at Tarleton Library on Tuesday, October 30 between 10-11am there will be a 'Batman needs your help!' event for youngsters to enjoy.

The advertisement for this fun event, says: "Can you save the day? Batman is lonely and needs some new sidekicks to save the day. Join Batman this half-term for lots of puzzles and games to turn you into a superhero!"

Each of the above events is free and no tickets are required.

There will be more fun at Parbold Library on Thursday, October 25, between 10:30-11:30am when children are invited to take part in Monster Mayhem.

The event involves monster crafts, stories and games for 4-11s.

There will a charge of £1 per child to cover the cost of materials for this event, payable on the day.

There is a maximum charge of £2 per family (the charge for childminders and nurseries is £1 for each child). No advanced booking is available for this event. County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We've got lots of fun activities taking place in libraries for the half-term holiday.

"Many of them are suitable for children and young people of different ages.

"Whatever the weather, families can come along and have an enjoyable time."

More information about all of these events is available at http://bit.ly/halfterminlancs.

To find out more about library events call into your local library, call 0300 123 6703 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries.

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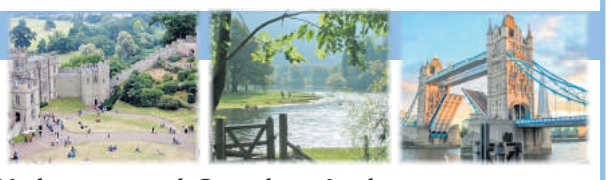

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David Gibb (pictured) will be joined by US musician Brady Rymer at Ormskirk Library on Tuesday October 23.

Family music from both sides of Atlantic to be showcased

CHILDREN'S musician David Gibb and three-time children's Grammy Nominee Brady Rymer from the USA will be performing a collaborative family music event at Ormskirk libary.

Songs Across The Pond, which showcases family music from both sides of the Atlantic, will be visiting the town as part of a national tour during October school half-term.

It is believed to be the first time two family musicians from different countries have collaborated in such a way.

Families will be introduced to a wide range of musical instruments and genres with plenty of chances to join in and sing along.

The show will take place at the library in Burscough Street on Tuesday, October 23 starting at 2pm.

For details about tickets and prices, call in at the library or ring 01254 660360. For more information, including booking online, visit www.spotonlancashire.co.uk.

Show hoping to keep theatre audiences on edge of their seats

The cast from Dial M for Murder in rehearsal

THE Southport Dramatic Club's next production is Dial M For Murder and will be presented at The Little Theatre from Friday, October 26 until Saturday, November 3 at 7.30pm each evening.

The show is a classic suspense by Frederick Knott and will be directed by Celia Timmington,

The production is about the former tennis pro Tony Wendice who has married his wife, Margot, because of her wealth and now plans to murder her to get his hands on her money.

He is helped in his plan by a contract killer and he arranges the perfect alibi for himself. Wendice believes he will get away with murder, but the police have other ideas. The show aims to get audiences on the edge of the seat with suspense.

Adrienne Ledson will be Margot Wendice, Hower Kernahan is Tony Wendice, Steve Pritchard is Max Halliday, Leslie Cheesman will be Inspector Hubbard and Graeme Hunt is Captain Lesgate.

Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film Dial M for Murder is perhaps the best-known version of the original stage play. Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, Robert Cummings and John Williams starred in the film. The New York Times wrote the following about the film, "a technical triumph that Hitchcock has achieved."

Meanwhile after the success of the June performances of Same Time Next Year, the bar production is being presented again at the Little Theatre from October 17-18 as part of this year's Comedy Festival. The Box Office for Dial M For Murder opens on October 19 at 11am. The box office telephone number is 01704 530521/530460.

International award winning production at Uni's arts centre

A scene from This Really Is Too Much.

AN INTERNATIONAL award winning production from fast rising Gracefool Collective is coming to West Lancashire.

In a year when #metoo, gender pay inequality and the feminist agenda has rarely been out of the headlines, 2018 is an especially appropriate time for Gracefool Collective to tour their powerfully satirical Edinburgh hit This Really Is Too Much.

West Lancashire audiences can see the show when it visits Edge Hill Arts Centre in Ormskirk on Wednesday, November 14.

The show reveals the downright absurd realities of life. In September 2018 the show won The Stockholm Festival's top award, The Grand Prix Prize for excellence in performing arts.

This Really Is Too Much combines dance, dark comedy and theatre. It can be seen as an accessible and humorous exploration of gender inequalities , and delves deeply into a world of farcical stereotypes and preposterous power struggles, wrestling with gender, identity and social convention along the way.

After 100 years of women's suffrage in Britain how far have we really come in that time?

This Really Is Too Much is a aimed at being thought-provoking and includes a medley of absurd political speeches, talent contests, job interviews and box ticking.

The four performers, Kate Cox, Sofia Edstrand, Rachel Fullegar and Rebecca Holmberg, fight themselves, each other and society's expectations for women to be individual, political, beautiful, popular, in control – and in their place. It includes text from Kate Bernstein's seminal text Gender Outlaw.

Rachel said: "The show laughs at systems of power or oppression in order to undermine the power they hold over us is one of the strongest forms of protest." Kate added: "Our aim is not to point fingers." Sofia continued: "We want to shine light on some of the ridiculous scenarios we observe in real life." Rebecca concluded: "We challenge how easily we accept real life scenarios."

Gracefool Collective is a four woman strong company of theatre makers formed in 2013. They aim to provoke, delight, and defy convention through irreverent physicality, sharp writing and arresting characters. Their work tackles serious issues while never taking itself too seriously.

The four Gracefool's (collectively) say: "This show is for anyone interested in dance, theatre, laughing, crying, feminism, gender, identity, smashing the system, ticking the boxes, beauty pageants, political speeches, salad, moisturiser, water, turtle necks, disco, Steely Dan and/or Barry White."

This Really is Too Much is supported through funding via CATAPULT (Llankelly Chase, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Spin Arts and Yorkshire Dance), Northern Connections (Northern School of Contemporary Dance), CARP (Barnsley Civic), Dragon's Den (OneDanceUK) and Activate Performing Arts.

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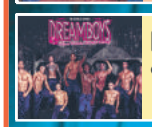

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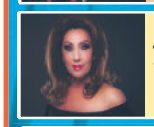

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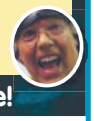

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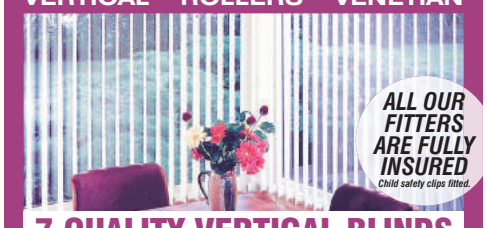

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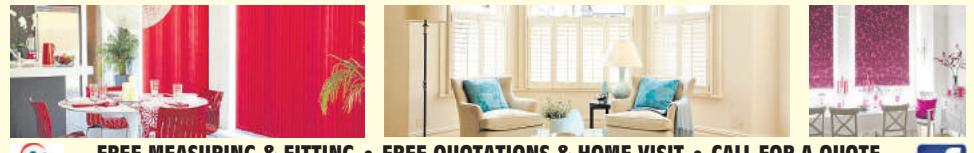

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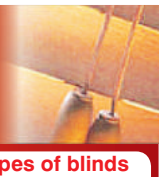

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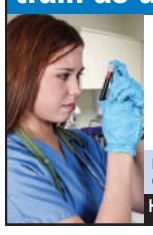

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DEATHS

MERCER JOHN

Passed away peacefully 10th October 2018 aged 87 years

Much loved Husband of Alma and a wonderful Dad to John and Wendy and Father in law to Sheila and Stewart, dearly loved Grandad to Katie and Andrew and Step Grandad to Sarah, Lisa and James. John will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and everyone who knew him. Funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe at 2.30pm on Monday 22nd October, 2018 followed by Interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only and donations if so desired for John's favourite charities.
All enquiries to F W Marsh, 177 Ormskirk Road, Rainford, WA11 8HR Tel: 01744 882645

DEATHS

LEATHERBARROW HARRY

8th October 2018
Passed away suddenly
Aged 85 years
of Ormskirk, formerly of Scarisbrick

Devoted Husband of Rita for 63 years, loving Dad of Neil, Kate and the late Graham and dear Grandad to Alfie. Missed by all his family & friends. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Scarisbrick on Friday 19th October 2018 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

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DEATHS

FORSHAW RHODA

Passed away peacefully in hospital on 7th October 2018, aged 90 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Albert. Much loved Mother of David and Michael. Dear Mother-in-law of Jennifer and Karen. Dear Grandmother of Amy, Glyn, Toby, Matthew and Jacob. A much loved Auntie of Judith and Gordon. Rhoda will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist Church on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 11am, followed by Interment at St John the Baptist Churchyard, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

WALLACE PETER MARTIN

8th October 2018

Much loved Dad of Daniel, dearly loved Son of Bill and Pat, Loving Brother of Lyn, Dear Brother-in-law of Mal, and a dear Uncle of Laura & James. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 23rd October at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Cancer Research. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

KARL JOSEPH BURNS

7th September 2018
Passed away suddenly aged 51 years

Dear Son of Betty and the late Frank(deceased), Father to Callum. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. Funeral Service on Thursday 18th October 2018 at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby at 1.45pm followed by Cremation at Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Guide Dogs For The Blind c/o and all enquiries to Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE. Tel. 01704 873899.

DEATHS

KIENSTRA-EVANS MARGARET (MARGOT)

Passed away peacefully on 27th September 2018, aged a wonderful 93 years

Beloved and devoted Mother to George, Tony and Sue; Mother in law to Trine, Edna and Patrick; Precious Nana to Katy, Richard, Philip, Lara, Russell and Anthony; Adoring Great Grandma to all her Great Grandchildren including the little bump! A joy to all her extended family and dearest friends. A celebration of her life took place at St Marie's RC Church, Seabank Road, Southport on Tuesday 16th October at 12.00, followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. She requested we keep everything bright and beautiful. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Save the Children. All enquiries to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel 01704 214118.

DEATHS

BALDWIN ALAN

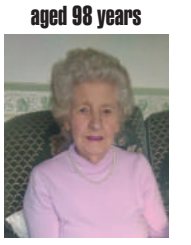
On 8th October 2018
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 74 years
Of Banks

Dearly loved Husband of Hilary, dear Brother in law of Stewart and Ruth and Loving Uncle of Vicky and Alex. Funeral service will take place at St. Stephens Church Banks on Friday 19th October at 10:45am, followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

FISHWICK MARY ALICE
(nee Whittingham)

Sadly but peacefully whilst in the care of Abbey Village, Brigg, on 2nd October 2018 aged 98 years



Beloved Wife of the late John, loving Mother to Linda and Mother in law to Ben. Devoted Granny to Marc and Rachel. Great Grandma to Olive, Caitlin, Arthur and Isobel. Funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Broughton on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 1pm followed by Interment at Broughton Cemetery. By request family flowers only please. Donations would be gratefully accepted for North and North East Lincolnshire Alzheimers Society. All enquiries to Kettle of Brigg Funeral Directors Tel: 01652 650606 where Alice is resting peacefully.

IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday 4th November 2018 at 3pm we are holding our Annual Memorial Service at Lord Street West United Church, 5 Lord Street West, Southport. The service is for remembering the loved ones we have lost. There will be an opportunity for the name of your loved one to be read out at the service. Please contact our funeral homes directly to confirm if you will/ or will not be able to attend and if and if you would like your loved ones name read out.

During December we will also have Christmas Trees on display at our funeral homes. You will be able to place a memory message on the tree in person or by contacting our funeral homes and we will arrange to place one for you. If you wish to visit in person you will have the opportunity to spend some quiet time and even enjoy a cup of tea with us.

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DEATHS

CULSHAW SANDRA

7th October 2018
Peacefully in Peacehaven House Rest Home
Aged 74 years
RIP

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MORRIS
JOAN
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The family of the late Joan Morris wish to express their sincere thanks for the numerous messages and cards received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks are due to the medical and auxiliary staff of Ward 14b, Southport Hospital, for their particular loving care and attention for 12 weeks following her fall at home on May 26, the A & E, A.M.U. Teams and Ward 9a. The family remain eternally grateful for the prompt and decisive actions of the Police and Paramedics in rescuing her from such a parlous situation. Her final days, at Asmall Hall Nursing Home, provided the peaceful and comforting home she desired following her courageous, unjustifiable battle for life in closure of her happy, independent and fulfilling final few years. Immeasurable gratitude and praise are due to Rev Martin Abrams and Funeral Directors, Michael and Michelle Rushton, for their outstanding ministrations, personal and empathetic attention before, during and after such sad and distressing events. Generous donations, in her memory, will be forwarded to S.A.F.A. and The Red Cross. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FOY
STEVEN

All the family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and donations received during the recent sad loss of Steven. Special thanks to Fred Louttit who did a wonderful service and to all who attended the funeral. It was heart warming to see so many people there.

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(BILL)

The family of the late Bill Woods would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Macmillan Nurses received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev.Tom Taylor for his kind words of comfort and to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
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2018/0932/FUL Demolition of existing glasshouses and erection of one detached dwelling and garage at Lees Lane Nurseries, Lees Lane, Dalton. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2018/0971/FUL Proposed conversion of existing garage and erection of new detached garage/gym at 4 Grove Close, Up Holland. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/0981/FUL Demolition of existing garage, car port, workshop and rear lean to; alterations and extensions to the existing dwelling and construction of a replacement garage at Willowmere, 33 Croston Drive, Rufford. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/0985/FUL Proposed demolition of existing garden centre, cafe, 2 no. bungalows and associated outbuildings and erection of 2 no. office buildings at Dunscar Garden Centre, Southport New Road, Tarleton. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2018/1010/FUL Demolition of existing stable building and formation of new dwelling. Conversion of barns to form 2 no. dwellings. Conversion of part of existing farmhouse and attached stables to form dwelling at Walsh Hall Farm, Formby Lane, Aughton. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan. The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.

2018/1019/FUL Single storey extension to the rear of semi-detached property & internal alterations at 132 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1022/FUL Demolition and reconstruction of part of side and rear elevation, and erection of single storey extension to side and rear. Alterations to existing rear windows at South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. The application affects a Listed Building.

2018/1023/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition and reconstruction of part of side and rear elevation, and erection of single storey extension to side and rear. Alterations to existing rear windows at South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. The application affects a Listed Building.

2018/1034/FUL Side extension single storey with pitched roof at 40 Higher Lane, Up Holland. The application affects a Listed Building. The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

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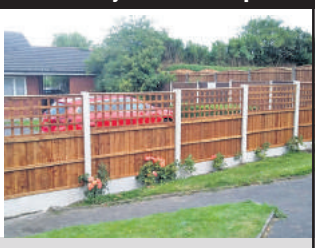

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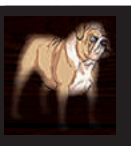

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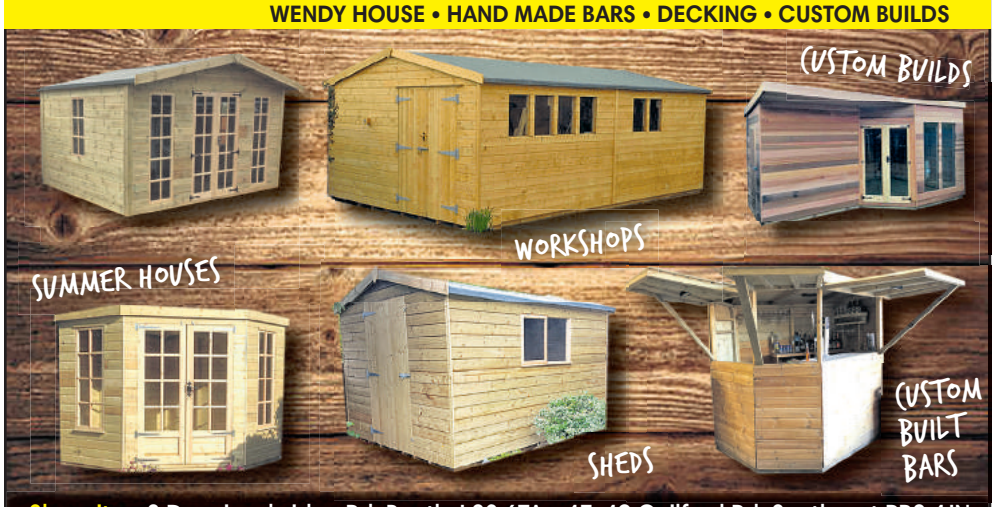

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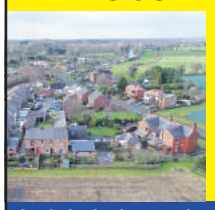

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I'M SURE that by the time you read this, Richard Branson will have saved the day.

Or perhaps Simon Cowell could do the honours – he likes cars and isn't short of a few quid. Maybe Jeremy Clarkson could chip in. Either way, I'm sure someone's about to step up and stop Britain's land speed record bid from stalling on the final straight.

You might have seen in the news that the team behind Bloodhound SSC – that's SSC as in Supersonic Car – have had to call in the administrators, who are calling on someone, anyone, to step in with £25 million to make sure the nation's bid to be the world's first to crack on 1000mph without taking off goes ahead as planned.

Yet the administrators' statement is about as far from, say, a department store going bust as it's possible to imagine.

"Bloodhound is a truly ground-breaking project which has already built a global audience and helped to inspire a new generation of STEM talent in the UK and across the world," said joint administrator, Andrew Sheridan, who went on to say that while bankrolling Bloodhound will cost a fraction of what it'd take to run a rubbish F1 team anyone who does so will leave "a lasting legacy". Not exactly the sort of thing the administrators said when Woolies or BHS went bust.

If successful, then the Bloodhound SSC will be the first vehicle to be driven at more than 1000mph

The fact that even the suits with the red ink talk about Bloodhound in such evocative terms goes to show you what Britain loses if – as is widely feared – the project runs out of money in the next few weeks. The land speed record is an area in which Britain is indisputably the world champion, and the new project was being backed by big business and government ministers alike to inspire a new generation of science-loving speed freaks. Yes, I know it's been promising big things for over a decade, but when you're planning to propel a bloke along the ground at Mach 1.3 you can't afford to fluff it up.

Which is why I really hope that a country that's somehow managed to keep Aston Martin going through seven bankruptcies and rescued Lotus from oblivion seemingly every other week will find the £25 million – to put that into perspective, £18.7 million *less* than what Liverpool FC paid for midfielder Fabinho – needed to make sure Britain's the fastest nation on earth. Even if the money comes entirely from Ronan Keating record sales, it'd be worth it.

But then I hope that by the time you read this someone really has stepped in and that all this is entirely redundant – in which case, I'll happily run a correction in next week's *Champion*.

Over to you, Richard.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly.

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Skem's FA Trophy hopes blown away at windy Frickley

Frickley Ath 3
Skelmersdale United 1

SKEM'S FA Trophy hopes were blown away in a match originally scheduled as a home tie but switched to South Yorkshire due to the unavailability of Prescot's Volair Park.

With Dimi Christou and Reece McNally unavailable due to illness and Dave Moore away on work duty United were forced to hand debuts to four new recruits.

James Webb made the starting eleven whilst Ish Banks, Lewis Keegan and Declan Daniels were on the bench.

With the fierce wind at their backs United dominated play in the first half, constantly pressurising the Frickley defence and it was no surprise when Kev Edgar opened the scoring in the 10th minute after some excellent wing play by Sean Yeldrem.

But despite United's pressure they failed to create many scoring chances to seriously test Wallace in the home goal.

One goal was never going to be enough as the winds strengthened, United having trouble getting the ball from their own half.

Frickley capitalized and from a high ball in the 63rd minute United failed to clear their lines with Wilkinson drilling in from the edge of the box.

Frickley were now on the ascendancy and pumped balls high into the box and Phil Watt headed the home side in front on 75 minutes.

The referee produced a plethora of yellow cards, and Charlie Duke the recipient of two of them, was dismissed for what appeared to be two tackles.

United were still trying to pull the strings in the latter stages Griffiths and Dunne had been working hard all day and two efforts from debutant Declan Daniels failed to find the target.

But from another high ball into the box Jameel Ible headed a third for Fricley on 83 minutes.

He could have made it four shortly after but the bar came to United's rescue.

It was a poor day at the office for United and they will have to improve performances when they return to league action if they want to get away from the bottom end of the table.

Kevin Edgar.

Whyte is spot on as Linnets thrash Bucks

Bootle 0
Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH cruised to a comprehensive 3-0 victory over the Bucks on Saturday.

The Bucks were simply outplayed and out battled from start to finish on their home ground.

The Linnets opened the scoring with just ten minutes on the clock when man of the match Terry Cummings advanced down the right before crossing for Yves Zama who coolly composed himself before finishing past Jack McGovern.

Burscough continued to dominate with both Cummings and Chad Whyte firing wide before McGovern produced a fine stop to deny Matthew Ward.

At the other end, Bootle's best chance of the half fell the way of Antony Hickey. Some neat football between Dominic Marie and Liam Loughlin saw the latter release the former Runcorn Linnets man, but he could only direct his effort straight at Max Povey.

On the stroke of half-time Burscough doubled their lead from the penalty spot. after a shot from Peter Henerty rattled off the crossbar and after the Bucks failed to clear, Chad Whyte was pulled from behind with the referee having little hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Whyte picked himself up and coolly converted the spot kick.

The second half was much of the same with McGovern saving from Whyte and Cummings before the stopper produced his best stop to deny Dimitri Nkusu-Wasaulua after the midfielder let fly from distance.

At the other end, the closest Bootle came to a goal was when Marie crossed for Millington, but his effort was cleared off the line by Jamie Clark.

With 15 minutes remaining, Burscough sealed all three points when Nkusu-Wasaulua bundled the ball home from Cummings' corner.

Chad Whyte converted a penalty kick awarded after he had been fouled.

Crunch game in bid to pull clear from bottom of table

SKELMERSDALE face a crunch match on Saturday in their efforts to pull clear from the bottom of the EvoStik West Division table when they travel to Staffordshire to take on fellow strugglers Chasetown.

Their opponents are one of four clubs, along with Skelmersdale, who are currently on six points, the other two being Glossop North End and Droylsden.

Skem are bottom on goal difference at the moment but three points on Saturday could see them move up to 15th place, so tight is it at the bottom of the table.

Burscough take a break from league action to face New Mills in Macron Cup

BURSCOUGH take a break from league action when they host New Mills in the first round of the Macron Cup on Saturday.

The Linnets will be confident of progressing as the Derbyshire side are only mid-table in the North West Counties South Division, a step below Burscough, having won five matches out of 13 league games this season.

Burscough are currently in 14th place in the North West Counties Premier Division with six wins out of 11 games, with Saturday's win following a 4-2 home victory over Runcorn Town last Tuesday.

The Linnets fallen two goals behind within 16 minutes before an own goal and a goal from Antony Hickey on 33 minutes levelled the scores. Dominic Marie put Burscough ahead five minutes before half-time and a further own goal in 54th minute sealed the win.

The club say, meanwhile, that they have had a good response to the managerial vacancy and expect to make an announcement soon.

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